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£100,000 grant is a big boost for towns' retailers

By Dean Kilpatrick

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PLANS for the future of the area's high streets have been unveiled after the council allocated its £100,000 government grant to boost shops.

Sheerness Town Team has been awarded £45,000 while the Faversham Enterprise Partnership has been allocated £20,000 to help boost the local economy.

However, the £35,000 which will be spent to help Sittingbourne, has not been handed out to either of the town's teams, despite both bids having "elements with strong merit".

Faversham's team will look to promote the experience of shopping in the town, whereas

Sheerness' group is looking to use the money to set up a calendar of events to bring people to the town.

Cabinet member for regeneration Cllr John Wright said: "We wanted to see substantial proposals that will make a real and lasting impact on town centres, with smaller projects pulled together enabling town centre stakeholders and groups to work collectively.

"Most importantly we were looking for bids that showed enthusiasm and commitment to make a real difference."

The funds, which were given to Swale council by the government, will be made available to the groups on an agreed timescale throughout the duration of the projects.



THANKS: Swale council's Mike Cosgrove hands the centre's keys to project director Susan Wilson

CEREMONY

CENTRE OF ATTENTION

FAVERSHAM residents are celebrating after the borough council handed over the keys to a much-loved historic building.

The Alexander Centre, built in the 1860s, is at the heart of the community and is home to local charities and the town council.

Swale council owned the building and in 2010 the independent Alexander Centre Trust was set up to ensure its future.

Now the council has handed over ownership to the trust as part of its localism agenda.

The building has been used as a venue for parties, fundraising events and weddings – something the trust hopes to build upon in a bid to make it profitable.

For the next three years, the borough council will help to fund the centre's running costs through a grant.

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POLICE

Body found on Minster beach

A MAN'S body has been found on the beach at Minster-on-Sea.

Police are investigating the circumstances around the death, but are not treating the incident as suspicious.

The man was found last Thursday, and the his next of kin have been informed.

ENVIRONMENT

Poor results in green study

RECYCLING in Swale is below national average, according to new figures.

Only 32 per cent of rubbish was recycled in the borough, compared to 43 per cent across the country.

Kent Green Party's Steve Dawe said: "They certainly could do better if they tried."

EVENT

Santa's helper to visit town

SHOPPERS will be able to meet Rodney the Reindeer at a special event at The Forum.

The character, who is popular with all generations, is visiting the Sittingbourne centre on November 24.

The event is being held as part its festivities for Christmas.

BORDERS

Illegal worker from India deported after restaurant raid

AN ILLEGAL worker has been deported and another detained following a UK Border Agency (UKBA) raid in Sittingbourne last month.

Following a tip-off, officers visited Papa John's in West Street on October 26 and found that two Indian members of staff had remained in the UK despite having expired visas.

A 24-year-old man has been removed

from the country while a 35-year-old man is being detained pending his removal.

The restaurant could face a fine of up to £20,000 if it is found the proper checks were not carried out and consequently employed the two men.

The head of the UK Border Agency's Kent immigration team Jackie Fowler said: "We gather intelligence about

people who remain in the UK in breach of their visa conditions and we are taking action against those not entitled to be here.

"We are determined to crack down on illegal immigrants and anyone found living or working here illegally is liable to be detained and removed."

The deportation of the Indian man follows a crackdown in Kent, following

raids in Faversham, Rainham and Walmer in the last month.

The UK Border Agency imposes civil penalties on hundreds of companies each year which fail to carry out legally-required checks on their staff.

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REMEMBRANCE

Support today's heroes as you honour the brave fallen with a poppy on Armistice Day

By Marijke Cox

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THE county will fall silent for two minutes on Sunday as the clock strikes 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Poppy wreaths will be laid at war memorials, and parades will be held through many of Kent and Medway's towns to honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and the soldiers who continue to put their lives at risk today.

Armistice Day marks the signing of the treaty formally ending World War One, which occurred at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

Remembrance Day is usually held on the Sunday closest to November 11, except for special years such as this one when it falls on the same day as Armistice.

Veterans, dignitaries and families will join together to pay their respects across the county on this important day and observe the two-minute silence at 11am.

This year's Poppy Appeal, run by the Royal British Legion, aims to raise £42 million to help the thousands of service men and women who have put their lives on the line in conflicts past and present.

Last year, the county's Legion raised a record £1,339,254 to support veterans and serving personnel.

Community fundraiser for the Legion's Kent branch, Clare Saunders, said the organisation had responded to more than 1,600 requests for help in the last year alone.

WORLD WAR TWO

'Lost' German war grave to be remembered for the first time

THE unmarked grave of two 'forgotten' Luftwaffe airmen buried in Whitstable is to be specially remembered this year with its first ever wreath.

Historian Joe Potter uncovered the tragic case while trawling the archives.

In 1940, Oberleutnant Horst von der Groeben was found in the wreckage of a shot down Dornier bomber, and Oberleutnant Gerhard Muller died several days later in hospital. The plane was on its way back to Germany following an attack on London.

They were buried in War Grave Number 1 at Whitstable cemetery, but not long after, four more airmen were buried in the same plot on top of the two bodies already there after their bomber was also shot down over the Kent coast.

Some two decades later, it was agreed by the British and German governments that German military personnel buried in Britain should be moved to the Cannock Chase German Military



FOUND: Horst von der Groeben

Cemetery in Staffordshire.

But the two original airmen in the Whitstable grave were not moved as those in charge of the project did not know they were underneath the bodies of their comrades.

Records show in all, 11 servicemen were eventually buried at Whitstable, but just nine were moved in 1962.

It's now hoped the German government will pay the

£3,000 to relocate the remains.

Mr Potter, from Felixstowe, Suffolk, said they plan to mark the grave with a wreath for the first time while the transfer campaign gathers momentum. The Royal British Legion is also backing the move.

He said: "The airmen were buried on August 17, 1940, and for some reason the local authorities failed to inform the then Imperial War Graves Commission. As a result, as far as they were concerned, the grave did not exist."

"The German War Graves Commission has been aware since 2002, but as they are a charity that gets relatively little financial support, they cannot afford the legal costs."

"I am in contact with the only traceable family, that of Oblt Horst von der Groeben."

"The family wish that the remains be moved to Cannock Chase, as the grave would be far better cared for collectively than it would be in isolation and plan to visit at some stage to pay their respects."

CEREMONIES AND PARADES TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE COUNTY ON SUNDAY

A ceremony is being held at the **Folkestone** war memorial on The Leas at the top of Road of Remembrance, starting at 10.40am with wreath laying and the two minutes' silence at 11am.

Along the coast in **Dover** – a town heavily bombed and shelled during World War Two – a parade will pass through Biggin Street at 10.30am to the war memorial at Dover Town Council offices where a service will be held at 11am.

Nearby **Deal** will see a parade and service at the memorial in the hospital forecourt, from 10.50am.

A ceremony will be held at the Pierremont war memorial in **Broadstairs** at 10.45am. In **Ramsgate** there will be a parade starting at 10.40am in Elms Avenue, moving to St George's Church for wreath laying and a service. At 1pm, wreath laying will take place at Ramsgate cemetery war memorial.



WITH PRIDE: Last year's Kent Poppy Appeal raised more than £1 million

In **Ashford**, cadets will parade from the Territorial Army centre to the memorial gardens in Church Road, followed by a service at 11am. The parade will then move into the High Street where the salute will be taken.

Wreath laying in **Canterbury** will take place at the war memorial at Buttermarket followed by a service of Remembrance at the cathedral, starting at 10.50am.

A parade is being held through **Maidstone** town centre from 10am with a military contingent marching along Week Street to join

with civilians in Earl Street. The parade will travel to the Cenotaph on the Broadway, where a service will take place from 10.50am.

In **Medway**, there are several services, with the main one being at 10.40am when the Mayor of Medway will lead a parade from The Guildhall Museum to Rochester Cathedral, where a service will take place. Wreath laying will follow at the war memorial.

In **Faversham**, there will be wreath laying from 10.45-11am at Stone Street war memorial, then a service at the Church of St Mary.

The Mayor will attend a service at the Cenotaph in **Sheerness**.

Sevenoaks' main service and parade is at 11am at the Vine war memorial at Tubs Hill, and the **Tunbridge Wells** service at the memorial in Mount Pleasant Road at 10.45am. A service is being held in the memorial gardens at Bradford Street in **Tonbridge** at 11am, followed by a parade to Tonbridge Castle.

In **West Malling**, a parade will begin at the Saluting Base, with the deputy Mayor taking the salute by the pump in the High Street at 2pm. The parade will go to St Mary's Church with a service at 2.30pm.

Dartford's service takes place at 10.45am with a procession from Dartford Borough Museum to the war memorial. Wreath laying and the two-minute silence will follow.

In **Gravesham**, the main service is being held at the Windmill Hill Memorial gardens from 10.40am.

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ELECTION

Police and crime chief candidates are still struggling for public recognition

By Marijke Cox

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IN LESS than one week voters will take to the polls to select the person who will hold one of the county's most influential positions – Kent's first Police and Crime Commissioner.

This person will draw up and publish the police and crime plan, set policing priorities, and detail how and where taxpayers' money should be spent.

The PCC, who will replace Kent Police Authority, will also have the power to hire and fire the chief constable, hold Kent Police to account, and be the "voice of the people".

Six candidates are in the running; Ann Barnes (independent), Dai Liyanage (independent), Craig Mackinlay (Conservative), Steve Uncles (English Democrats), Piers Wauchope (Ukip) and Harriet Yeo (Labour).

But despite tireless campaigning and hustings, does anyone know who they are? And what do people know about this historical election taking place on Thursday?

Four months ago, this newspaper carried out a survey, asking more than 200 members of the public about the PCC.

Worryingly, 75 per cent knew nothing about the election and a massive 91 per cent had no clue as to who the prospective candidates were.

Just a week before the election, our reporters took to the county's streets again to see if people were any the wiser.

Positive results were seen in the number who knew about



THE CANDIDATES: From left: Ann Barnes, Dai Liyanage, Craig Mackinlay, Steve Uncles, Piers Wauchope and Harriet Yeo



the election, with 72 per cent well informed. Even more pleasing was that 57 per cent said they would vote. This is despite fears the turnout will be less than 20 per cent.

But our survey found that 71 per cent of people still have no clue as to who the candidates are.

Govinda Clayton, from the University of Kent's school of politics and international relations, chaired one of several PCC hustings. He called the result "pretty concerning".

"When the PCC was first announced it was about finding an upstanding member of the community who genuinely inspired the electorate.

"There is a danger the whole process will become politicised.

"It could mean a future risk of it becoming a political stepping stone and less about domestic policing in Kent."

Mr Clayton said he was "positively surprised" by the number who said they would vote, but

admitted that high turnout was unlikely.

"If you walk up to anyone in the street and ask 'will you vote, yes or no?' they are likely to say yes. It will be low – some have said perhaps under 10 per cent.

"The low turnout is a massive concern in terms of the overall PCC process which was meant to increase democratic accountability; a low turnout would undermine it.

"Even in the future, unless there is a candidate who genuinely inspires people, I can't see many people turning out for PCC elections."

But he admitted that once people started to realise how much power this person has, they may start to take notice.

The polls are open from 7am-10pm on Thursday. Around 1,000 polling stations will be open across Kent.

Police area returning officer Nadeem Aziz said: "I encourage voters to check in advance where their polling station is and plan what time they intend to cast their vote.

For more about the PCC see www.kentnews.co.uk or see www.choosempcc.org.uk for more about the candidates.

THE QUESTIONS

Do you know who these six people are? (Shown pictures of six candidates)

Yes: 27% No: 71% Not sure: 2%

(Shown candidates' pictures and names)

Do you know why they are in the news?

Yes: 38% No: 61% Not sure: 1%

Do you know about the Police and Crime Commissioner elections?

Yes: 72% No: 27% Not sure: 1%

Are you going to vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections?

Yes: 57% No: 40% Not sure: 3%

228 people took part in this survey in Sittingbourne, Medway, Tunbridge Wells, Folkestone, Hythe, Ramsgate, Dover, Canterbury and Ashford.

REPORTING TEAM: Chrissie Daniels, Dean Kilpatrick and Nick Ames

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Gemma joins Pythons

GRAVESEND actress Gemma Arterton and Sherlock star Benedict Cumberbatch are set to join former members of Monty Python in a new movie. Absolutely Anything, described a "sci-farce" will star John Cleese, Terry Jones, Terry Gilliam and Michael Palin. Filming is due to start early next year. Arterton attended Gravesend Grammar School for Girls and took a performance arts course at the Miskin Theatre in Dartford.

➔ Fined for brain damage

A SCAFFOLDING company and its director have been fined after a worker from Rainham who fell from scaffolding had to have some of his brain removed. The worker needed surgery to remove the frontal lobe of his brain and is unlikely to work again. Paramount Scaffolding Ltd and director Luke Jessup, both of Wigmore Road, Gillingham, admitted safety breaches and were fined £2,000 with £1,000 costs each for the offence at the house in Meopham, on January 25.

➔ Scally's tortoise taken

GILLINGHAM FC chairman Paul Scally has pleaded for the return of his pet tortoise after it went missing from his home in Dubai. Scally owns two giant tortoises called Amy Winehouse, and Blake. It was Blake that walked to a nearby hospital, where security staff called a vet. However, before a vet could arrive the tortoise had been put onto the back of a truck and taken away. Dubai Police are said to be investigating.

TRIBUTE

School 'prepared Dunn to be PoW'

STAFF at a private school have spoken of their sadness at the death of old boy Clive Dunn.

The Dad's Army star, who died on Tuesday aged 92, was only recently speaking to one senior member of staff, and still couldn't help but flirt with her on the phone.

Director of admissions, Arabella Stuart spoke with fondness of their most famous former student, but admitted the star best known for playing Lance Corporal Jones, didn't have the happiest time at Sevenoaks School.

She said: "I am so sorry to hear he has died. He is someone the whole country knows and loves. I was talking with him quite recently and had a long chat – goodness he was a flirt.

"He was living in Portugal, near the Algarve. He'd lost his sight and everything, but he was really, really, amusing to talk to.

"He was here when life was very different in boarding schools. He was sent here incredibly young – I think he was a year younger than any other boy in the school. He would have been 10.

"His parents were in the entertainment business and were travelling around.



GOODBYE:

Dad's Army star Clive Dunn was famous for playing Lance Corporal Jones

"He didn't have a massively happy time here, because those were the days of beatings. His comment to me was that it was good preparation for coming a prisoner of war."

She added: "We are sorry such a charming and entertaining man has died – it is very sad he is no longer with us."

Dunn started acting in the 1930s, but his career was interrupted by World War Two, when he spent four years as a PoW. He became a recording star in 1971 when his record, Grandad, reached number one in the charts.

He is survived by his wife Priscilla Morgan and two daughters, Jessica and Polly.



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CAMPAIGN

Aviation review is finally under way, but three-year wait leaves residents 'in limbo'

By Marijke Cox

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A SIX-strong team of experts has officially started looking at options for aviation expansion – including the possibility of a hub airport in the Thames Estuary.

Economist Sir Howard Davies, former boss of the Financial Services Authority, has been tasked with examining all the options and making recommendations to Government.

Controversially, the final report will not be published until 2015 – after the next general election, leaving uncertainty hanging over Kent's communities for another three years.

The commission, however, said proposals for immediate action to improve the use of existing runway capacity over the next five years – consistent with credible long term options – would be unveiled next year in an interim report. This could hint at which way the 2015 recommendation might fall.

Sir Howard and his team will examine options including expansion at Gatwick – opposed by people living in west Kent who already suffer noise from planes flying overhead – a third runway at Heathrow, and the building of an estuary airport.

Three estuary plans have been put forward; one, dreamed up by London Mayor Boris Johnson and dubbed Boris Island, would see reclaimed land off the north Kent coast turned into a multi-billion pound airport hub; another, by architect Lord Foster is for the Isle of Grain; and the latest, by design-



CHOICES: Two of the estuary airport proposals to be considered are Lord Foster's hub on Grain, and Gensler's floating airport

ers Gensler, which proposes four runways at a giant airport tethered to the seabed.

All three have been opposed by residents, Kent County Council, and town halls in Medway and Swale.

But Mr Johnson is championing a new airport in Kent, and fighting expansion at Heathrow. He waded into the row again this week, calling for Heathrow to be taken off the list of options.

The mayor also criticised the length of time the commission was going to take drawing up its report, a concern also voiced by Kent campaigners who said the delay leaves them in limbo.

But Sir Howard said the team, "with open minds", would take time to explore the evidence, consider the options, and develop a lasting solution

to the nation's aviation needs.

"Our ambition is to do a thorough piece of work that will ensure aviation continues to support this country's economic, social and environmental ambitions," he said. "The experience of recent years shows we need a robust evidence base which has the support of a broad consensus of opinion."

"We aim to put the next government into a position in which rapid and implementable decisions can be soundly made."

In 2015 the commission will present its final report with an assessment of each option and its recommendation.

This week, Heathrow chiefs called on the commission to consider the case for building a four-runway "mega-hub" at the airport, despite previously being against expansion.

NO Estuary Airport

What are your views on the proposals? Share your opinion by writing to Airport Campaign, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS, or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk and put 'airport' in the subject line. You can sign the petition online at www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk

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DEVELOPMENT

Restaurant design a recipe for success

By Marijke Cox

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ROCKSALT restaurant in Folkestone has been voted the overall winner of the prestigious Kent Design and Development Awards.

The awards, organised and sponsored by DHA Planning, Kent County Council and Ward Homes, celebrate the best new buildings and developments across Kent over the past two years.

The overall winner was voted for on the night, with Rocksalt – which was opened last year by Mark Sargeant, the former head chef of Gordon Ramsey's Michelin-starred restaurant Claridge's – soaring to victory.

The restaurant is in Folkestone harbour and has proved a hit.

Architect for Rocksalt, Guy Hollaway, said he was honoured to win.

"Rocksalt sits snugly in the curve of Folkestone harbour, and all the glass gives people a wonderful view of the sea, which was our biggest influence for the design," he said.

"We wanted to create a destination for Folkestone.

"A place where people could go to eat, enjoy and socialise, and I am absolutely overwhelmed that this has been recognised."

The winners of the remaining categories

were chosen by a panel of judges from respected industry bodies, including the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Among the winners was the Turner Contemporary, the celebrated art gallery located in Margate, which picked up the award for Community Public Buildings; and the Hadlow College Rural Regeneration Centre, which was given the award for Environmental Performance.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, said: "Good design and quality developments are essential if we are to continue to maximise on the attractiveness and uniqueness of Kent.

"The calibre of entries was extremely high this year.

"The quality and skill that went into these buildings and developments is truly outstanding, they all deserve to be celebrated.

"I would like to congratulate the winners and all the entries that were shortlisted."

THE BEST: Top, Rocksalt restaurant which was named overall winner on the awards night, and Turner Contemporary, bottom, which won the Public Buildings – Community section



THE WINNERS

Overall Award, sponsored by DHA Planning Rocksalt Restaurant, Folkestone
Public Buildings – Community, sponsored by Kent Construction Focus Group

Winner Turner Contemporary, Margate

Highly Commended Hawkinge Football Pavilion, Folkestone

Highly Commended Maidstone Museum East Wing, Maidstone

Public Buildings – Education, sponsored by Kent Construction Focus Group Walderslade Primary, Chatham

Residential – Major, sponsored by RPC Land & New Homes Rosemary Gardens, Maidstone

Residential – Minor, sponsored by RPC Land & New Homes Winner Hill House, Maidstone

Highly Commended 2-4 South Street, Folkestone

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Highly Commended St Mary the Virgin, Ashford

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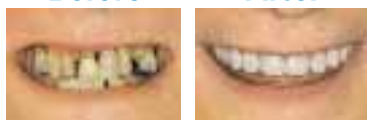
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MEDIA

Michael Jackson helps tell teen's story in award-winning film

By Chrissie Daniels

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AN autistic teenager has received national recognition for an animated film about his hero, Michael Jackson.

Ryan Hornibrook, 19, from Chatham, created the film as part of his work with youth drama group Icon Theatre.

Mr Hornibrook was given a bursary from Screen South's uScreen project to create the video, Will The Real Michael Jackson Please Stand Up?

He uploaded the film to uScreen, a website which encourages deaf and disabled young people, as well as those who aren't disabled, to share their work.

His effort proved so popular it won best film award at the uScreen Film Awards at Pinewood Studios.

It has also been selected to be shown at famous arts venue the Barbican in London as part of the Framed Film Club festival, and won second prize at Animat-Ed, part of animation festival Anifest 2012 in Canterbury.

Mr Hornibrook, who is studying at MidKent College and wants to be a paramedic, created the video based on his passions and values – Michael Jackson, friendship, family and career.

The five minute film, which is narrated by the teen, takes the viewer on a journey through these aspects of his



SUCCESS: Ryan Hornibrook's short film Would The Real Michael Jackson Please Stand Up? will be shown at the Barbican

life. It shows how Jackson inspired him as a child, how he has fun with his friends, how much his family means to him, and what he sees in his future.

The youngster loves the King of Pop so much he even taught himself the famous moonwalk dance move, which he shows off in the video.

At the end of the film Mr Hornibrook says: "Personally, I think it's essential that we all value different things.

"Every single person is unique and what makes our values different are the things we like, whether it's playing on the Xbox or dancing to Michael Jackson. Wouldn't it be boring if we all had the same values?"

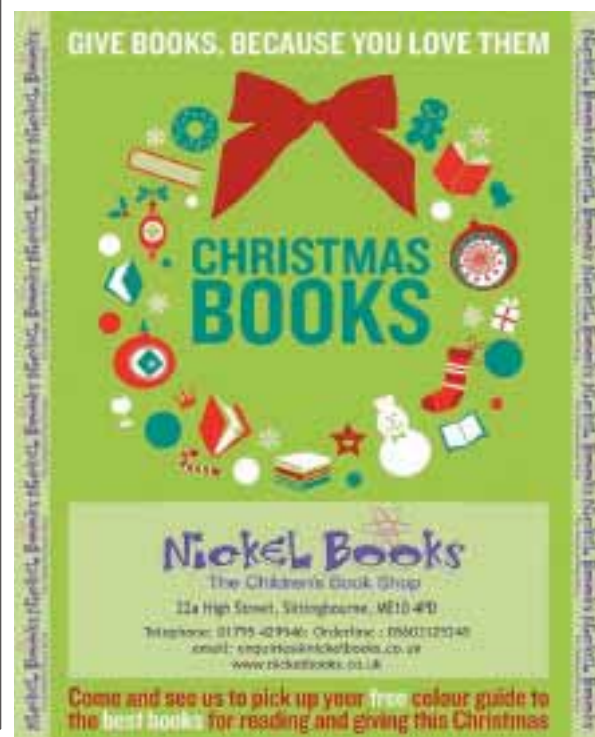
To create the film, Mr Hornibrook was joined by nine other under 19-year-olds who are part of Icon Theatre.

The group use clay models, hand-drawn animation, real-life footage and paper cut-outs to tell the teen's story.

Icon's Katie Charlton, said: "I think Ryan has been taken aback by the response. We have been really pleased with the way it has been received.

"The awards were really amazing. It was great to see what other people had been doing. It was great, especially as Ryan's dad had not seen the film until it was shown. He was chuffed with it."

Visit www.kentnews.co.uk to see Mr Hornibrook's video.



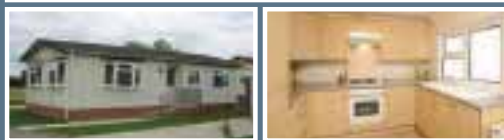
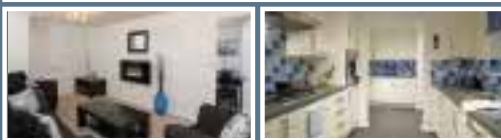
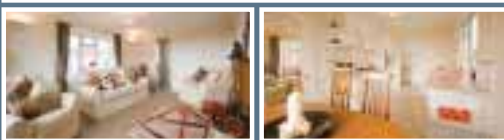
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News

EDUCATION

Young people will have to stay in education until they are 18

By Chris Murphy

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NEW rules are coming for keeping students in class or training until they are 18.

Any pupil in Year 11 in September, 2013, will be expected to continue in education or training until at least the end of the school year in which they turn 17. If they are currently in Year 10 or below, they will be required to continue until at least their 18th birthday.

But Medway Council and Kent County Council insist this is not about raising the school leaving age.

It's called 'Raising the Participation Age' and students will be encouraged to continue in full-time education, such as school or college; start an apprenticeship; or get involved in part-time education or training if they are working or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.

Already, more than three-quarters of young people continue in education or training, but the new government policy



LEARNING: Teenagers will be required to remain in education or training until they are aged 18

is determined to ensure this figure hits 100 per cent.

Those affected in Kent and Medway are due to receive letters explaining the changes and encouraging them to think about their options.

KCC said taking part in education and training after leaving school gives a better chance to acquire the skills and qualifications universities and em-

ployers are looking for. Those with two or more A-levels tend to earn around 14 per cent more than those who don't.

Patrick Leeson, KCC corporate director for education, learning and skills, said: "There are a variety of opportunities for education and training."

"The difference this education can make is enormous and the initiative is a welcome chance to put the spotlight on those opportunities."

Medway Council's portfolio holder for children's services, Cllr Les Wicks, said: "This is about making sure young people have the skills and options that will help them make the right decisions for their future."

The council is taking part in a pilot preparing students for the changes with DVDs detailing options and arranging school workshops.

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MUSIC

Military wives are Stronger Together as choirmaster Gareth helps record album

By Chris Murphy

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A CHOIR made up of wives of military personnel in Kent have launched their first album with the help of celebrity choirmaster Gareth Malone.

Shorncliffe Military Wives Choir now have their debut album out, called Stronger Together, where they sing with several other military wives choirs from around the UK.

It features performances from the women based at the Folkestone camp, who endured tough weekly rehearsals.

Choir leader Dyanne McGarry said: "Setting up this choir has been hard work. However, we are now a brilliant choir that provides a great support network to our members."

And choir member Iwona King added: "I joined the choir when my husband deployed to Afghanistan. It was a real learning curve, a great way of



MUSIC MAN: Gareth Malone

getting support, meeting new friends and being around women who understand exactly what you're going through."

In all, 43 women were selected to perform two of the 14 songs on the album, which are Together we are Stronger, and One Voice by Barry Manilow.

Debbie Lawrence is the Shorncliffe choir's spokeswoman, she said: "Gareth Malone is our patron and he directed us when we sang.

"It was a great honour and

we hope the album does well."

This is the only such choir in Kent and the women said they are now looking to expand their numbers with new members from military bases across the county, such as the barracks at Canterbury and Maidstone.

Anyone who wishes to join must be either the spouse or partner of a serving member of the military, or someone with close military ties.

Meanwhile, Kent band Clacket Lane have released a charity single at the M25 motorway services to help raise money for British war veterans.

The song is called Home Again and highlights the charity Combat Stress, which helps ex-service personnel suffering from psychological and mental health problems.

Lead singer Tim Hagger, said: "We ask people to remember the heroes who returned home but with their lives changed forever."

Picture: BEN BARBER



GOOD VOICE:

The women from the Shorncliffe Military Wives Choir have performed two songs on the Stronger Together album

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ECONOMY

Chamber chief slams Miliband's 'living wage'

By Dean Kilpatrick

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PROPOSALS to introduce a 'living wage' by Labour leader Ed Miliband are "idealistic" and will damage the Kent economy, according to a business leader.

Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce chief executive David Foley compared the idea to bring in a minimum wage of £7.45 an hour to reflect modern living standards to the plans of an enthusiastic "17-year-old economics student".

The Labour leader said he would introduce the scheme if his party was elected into government in 2015, and

the idea has also been backed by Mayor of London Boris Johnson, as well as Kent Green Party chair Stuart Jeffery.

In a speech, Mr Miliband said the living wage would be for: "People who got up early this morning, spent hours getting to work – who are putting in all the effort they can – but who often don't get paid enough to look after their families, to heat their homes, feed their kids, care for their elderly relatives and plan for the future."

However, the introduction of a £7.45 an hour wage would damage the county's economy, which was just starting to show the first signs of recovery, according to Mr Foley.

He said: "At a time when the east

Kent recovery is at its first stage of recovery, it's not advisable to oblige extra statutory costs to companies. Telling companies they have to increase their wage bill is not going to promote set-ups and inward investment."

The comments come after independent body the Low Pay Commission visited Ramsgate to see what effect the minimum wage was having on workers and businesses in Thanet.

Commissioners David Norgrove and Professor Steve Machin met a number of businesses as part of a nationwide tour before it decides whether to recommend a minimum wage increase to the Government.

This currently stands at £6.19 for

over 21s, and has increased year-on-year after reviews by the commission were approved by the Government.

Mr Norgrove, chair of the independent body, admitted the minimum wage was only a "safety net" for workers – something which will strengthen the argument of those who back the introduction of a living wage.

He said: "You don't have a high standard of living on minimum wage and if you are, you're likely to be eligible for social security."

"We have been to see a small electronics company and the problems they are facing, as well as the economic difficulties at the moment. Our recommendations will reflect that."

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PROPOSAL: Ed Miliband suggests a new minimum wage of £7.45 an hour



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PANTO

Firefighters prepare for final bow with one last pantomime

By **Chrissie Daniels**
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IN what will no doubt be a poignant moment for the community, this Christmas the curtain will fall on the popular Halling firefighters' panto.

The decision to end the tradition comes after Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) chiefs closed the village fire station in April as part of cost-cutting measures.

It was a move which angered residents who, on the last day the 100-year-old part-time station opened, took to the streets to honour the crews.

Every two years since 2000, firefighters at the station in the Rochester village, have held a pantomime at the community centre raising thousands of pounds for local groups.

But, in light of the closure, this year will be the last time the crew, their friends, and family take to the stage to say thank you to the community for their support.

To mark the occasion, the team is determined to go out with a bang and promise their rendition of Dick Whittington will be one to remember.

Ex-firefighter Daryl Palmer, 44, says the three nights of performances on December 13-15



BEHIND YOU: The panto cast hope to raise thousands for charity

will mark the end of an era.

He said: "It's going to be very poignant and it's going to end with an emotional finale."

Mr Palmer was keeping tight-lipped about the details but said the finale will show fire fighting in Halling over the past 100 years.

The money raised from ticket sales, donations and a raffle will all go to local groups such as the Brownies and Cubs.

Raffle prizes include a cricket bat signed by the 2012 Kent County Cricket Club team.

Mr Palmer, who plays panto dame Sarah the cook in the show, wants to raise £4,000 to

add to the more than £25,000 raised over the last 12 years.

The cast are hoping to sell-out the 320 seats and Mr Palmer is even singing his first solo in a bid to draw in the crowds.

Halling station, along with St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, Sturry, Matfield, Queenborough, Rusthall, and Seal, were all closed as part of KFRS plans to make £7 million of savings by the end of 2013-14.

There is light at the end of the tunnel for Halling though, as Mr Palmer said the old station has been offered to the parish council for community use at a "very fair price".

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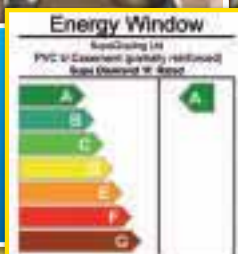
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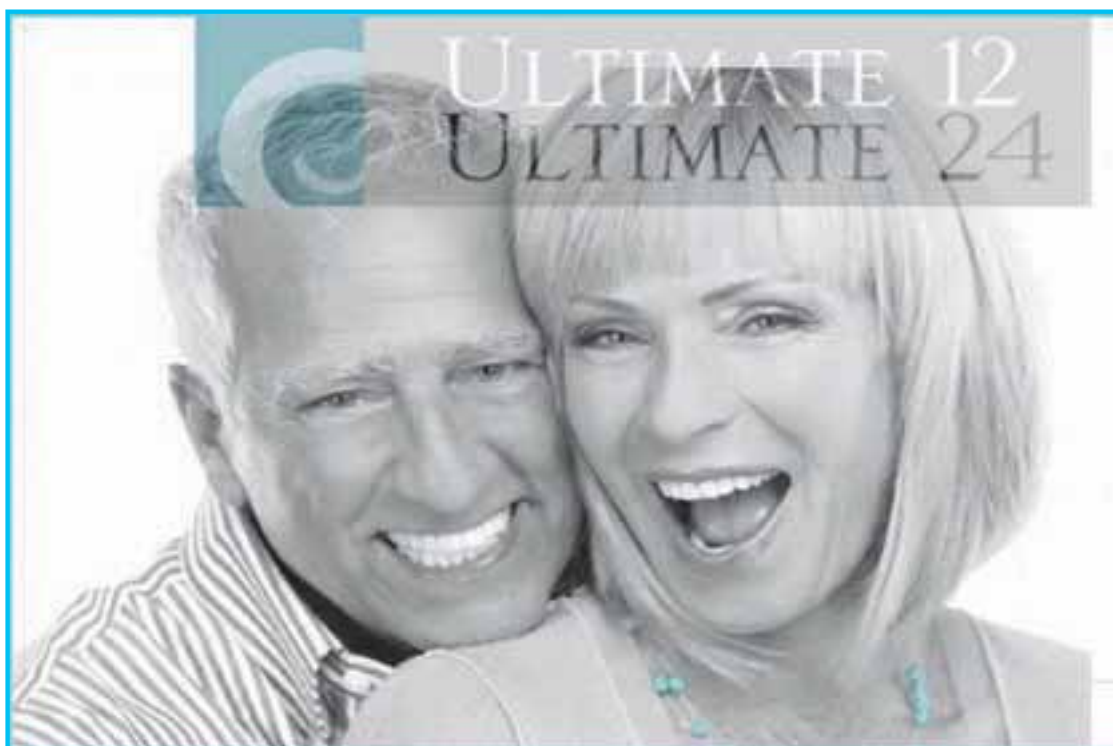
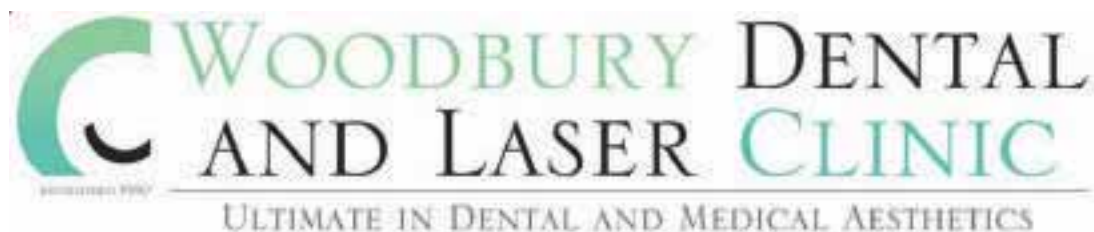
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HERITAGE

Trust is handed keys of historic Victorian home at heart of community

By Chrissie Daniels

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FAVERSHAM residents are celebrating after town hall officials handed over the keys to a much-loved historic building.

The Alexander Centre, built in the 1860s, is at the heart of the community and is home to charities and the town council.

Swale Borough Council owned the building and in 2010 the independent Alexander Centre Trust was set up to ensure its future.

Now, as part of its localism agenda the council has handed over ownership to the trust.

The building has been used as a venue for parties, fundraising events and weddings – something the trust hopes to build on in a bid to make it profitable.

For the next three years, the borough council will help to fund the centre's running costs through a grant until it can become entirely self-sufficient.

The building was once home to Sir Sidney Alexander, a doctor whose wartime public service was recognised with a knighthood.

The trust has been working to bring the rooms back to their Victorian glory, and has already removed partitions, and restored fireplaces and brass fittings.

Trust chairwoman Hilary Riva said: "We have already begun renovating the beautiful period features and upgrading the facilities so the Alexander Centre can take its place at the heart of the community as a place for local business and leisure activities, weddings and training courses, classes, fairs and support groups."

Picture: NATHALIE BANAIGS



FUTURE: From left, Mike Cosgrove of Swale Borough Council hands the keys of the Alexander Centre to Susan Wilson, project director of the Alexander Centre Trust

Swale council's Cllr Mike Cosgrove said the building was left for years without attention, but will now have a secure future.

He said: "This agreement to create an independent trust to safeguard the Alexander Centre is the culmination of a lot of hard work over the last four years."

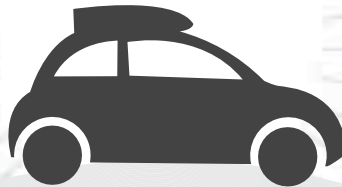
"As a symbol of localism, the Alexander Centre has raised the aspirations of other groups to follow the lead of its trustees in grasping the initiative and taking a positive lead to demonstrate what can be achieved with a lot of hard work."

Mayor of Faversham Cllr David Simmons, said: "Whether it be the regular blood donor service, fairs, parties or fundraising events, the Alexander Centre is a place that many town people have an affinity with. Returning the centre to independent ownership and management should make its future secure for generations to come."

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HOUSING

Hostel scoops national award for transforming lives of homeless people

By Chrissie Daniels

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A MAN left homeless and vulnerable after a relationship breakdown has described how a Sittingbourne-based scheme helped him transform his life.

Homeless hostel The Quays, in Crown Quay Lane, provides accommodation, support and training for more than 80 people and aims to give them the skills they need to live independently.

The hostel, which is part of housing association Riverside ECHG, has received national recognition for its work at the TPAS (Tenants Participation Advisory Service) Awards, where it won first place in the Excellence in the Community category.

Resident Gary Sims has spoken of his experiences at the centre and how it has helped him to turn his life around.

Mr Sims was referred to the hostel in January and staff helped him draw up a plan of what he wanted to achieve.

He has since completed an online food hygiene course, courses on being a tenant inspector – where tenants are trained to check housing services are up to scratch – as well as cultural diversity and report writing.

The 39-year-old now plans to start numeracy and literacy training and is volunteering at Sittingbourne Light Railway.



NEW FUTURE: Gary Sims

Mr Sims said: "The Quays has been a really positive influence on me and has helped me to rebuild my life. The team is incredibly friendly and supportive, which makes it very easy to ask for the help you need to move on.

"When I first came to The Quays I was struggling a bit and the guidance I've been given has made all the difference in the world to me. By gaining skills, I have built my confidence up and I'm not afraid to go out there and try to improve my life now. I think the confidence I have gained is the key difference for me."

Mr Sims is now in one of the hostel's 'move on' flats where he lives more independently but still benefits from support services. His eventual goal is to work in the warehouse or cleaning trade.

The Quays, which opened in 1985, has a team of 19 and works with other partners to help benefit the homeless.

One of the projects is with Standford Hill prison in Sheerness and allows prisoners nearing the end of their sentence to gain training and experience by helping at the hostel. The centre has also joined forces with Canterbury College to run a host of courses for residents.

Among the achievements at The Quays are the 12 service users who have studied for their food hygiene certificates, and 10 who trained to be sports leaders.

Joan O'Beirne, area manager of Riverside ECHG said: "Winning this award has recognised the hard work that staff and service users have contributed to the community. To win the regional award was a fantastic achievement, but to win the national award is the highest accolade. This success serves as a springboard to continue to develop new opportunities.

"We have worked extremely hard over the last few years to build strong partnerships for the benefit of our service users and the community.

"We are a unique hostel in the fact that we continue to build and maximise opportunities to develop partnerships and close gaps in education, training and employment, to give adults the tools to transform their lives."



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Rachel reveals a sunny disposition

Sometimes it's very personal and inappropriate. "My friends think it's hilarious and say I should write a book about all the things I have been sent."

She's even managed to make national headlines after a viewer rang into the BBC to complain about Miss Mackley showing "too much cleavage" on a morning bulletin. A BBC boss then told her to cover up. It was a story too good for The Sun to miss.

Says Miss Mackley: "I felt like such a fool. It made me feel very vulnerable but I had to find a way to go out there and smile."

"But it comes with the territory. It's just one of those things. I do not feel I need it to happen to affirm my sense of self."

But Miss Mackley is an unlikely weathergirl. Starting out with aspirations of a career in art, she ended up attending university; mixing in the same circles as Prince William and Kate Middleton, and attending dinner parties with the royal couple.

Miss Mackley grew up in Yorkshire and began a degree studying fine art at Newcastle University. But her plans were abruptly put on hold when she found out she was pregnant at just 20 years old.

The birth of her son Theo, who turned 10 last month, meant she had to take a year out from university and head back to Leeds to move in with her parents.

Restarting her career, she took a job in public relations in Edinburgh, before embarking on

A DINNER PARTY WITH PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE

BEFORE she reached the heady heights of television fame, Miss Mackley had a chance encounter with two very famous royals – Prince William and Kate Middleton.

She was keen to play down her 2004 encounter, calling it a "dreadful name drop" after she mentioned it live on air during the BBC Radio Kent breakfast show.

She said: "Theo's father

moved in certain circles and I lived with him for a year in Edinburgh. We went to a house dinner party and Will and Kate were there.

"They were very normal and I felt I had to pretend I didn't know who they were.

"They were lovely and very nice. I remember William saying 'my Mum had me when she was really young' after I mentioned Theo."



journalism at Leeds Trinity and All Saints College with the help of an ITV bursary.

After completion of the course she began an internship at ITV Yorkshire, before a chance encounter led to a job at ITV Anglia as a newsroom journalist.

Miss Mackley said: "I was sat next to a chap who I thought was in admin and I was being nice and making small talk. It turned out he was the head of news at ITV Anglia."

He informed Miss Mackley of a job opening at the Norwich office, and she was soon working in the fast-paced environment of a newsroom.

But the job came at a cost. Her son Theo was four at the time and just about to start school.

Faced with the prospect of having to work early and late shifts, Miss Mackley made the difficult decision to leave Theo with her parents in Leeds for a year. It gave him stability, and her the opportunity to kick-start her career in a highly-competitive environment.

Travelling home each Friday to spend the weekend with her son before they were able to get a house together, it was in Norwich where her career took a turn towards the weather.

"It was a really amazing newsroom," she says of her Norwich job, "and I was always kind of interested in weather. The opportunity came up to do one or two days a week and I really wanted to. The weather side really developed."

In 2011, a job became available in Kent and with all her friends living close by in London, she decided to go for it.

She said: "I was starting to specialise in weather so I needed to make a decision and I went for an interview."

"Thankfully they picked me. It was really exciting but quite scary the thought of moving again. But it's just been lovely, it's been in some ways the most stable time."

Now a fully fledged weathergirl, Miss Mackley still enjoys her first love, painting.

She said: "I paint a couple of hours a day, it's a compulsion. I do figurative work, painting planes. I do some for commission but I love painting for fun. Some stuff I sell, some stuff I give to charity. It's something I find hugely enjoyable."

Miss Mackley and her son are now firmly part of life in Tunbridge Wells.

She explains: "Tunbridge Wells is a lovely, special place and reminds me of Harrogate so it feels quite familiar. I did have a little bit of a look around Kent but I wanted somewhere straightforward. I love the countryside here."

Now, settled in Kent, Miss Mackley said she really enjoys working in the BBC newsroom.

She said: "They are really friendly it's really easy going but very driven. It's hard work but a lovely team and there's a lot of scope for me to develop."

"I love Tunbridge Wells. I feel really content and happy. I feel very settled and it's great for Theo. I do miss the hills in Yorkshire though."

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LITERATURE

Heroic black WWI soldier is inspiration for latest novel by author of War Horse



KILLED IN ACTION: World War One hero Walter Tull

By Nick Ames

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WAR Horse author Michael Morpurgo has taken the life of a heroic Kent soldier who was also a top class footballer as the inspiration for his latest book.

Walter Tull, who was born in Folkestone in 1888 and also lived in Dover, was the first black man to be an officer in the British Army, and the first to play professional football as an outfielder.

His name is on the Dover war memorial after he was killed in action in France during World War One.

Before his death the soldier had been 'mentioned in dispatches' for his leadership qualities and recommended for the Military Cross medal. However, he never received the award as it could not be made posthumously.

Now, Morpurgo has called for a change of rules to allow the award to be made.

The author, who taught at Milner Court

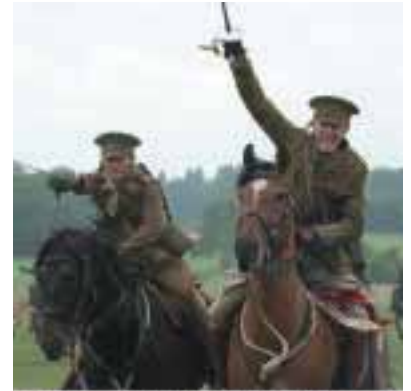
Junior School, Canterbury, from 1970-72 and was head boy at the city's King's School, has used the story as the background for his latest work A Medal for Leroy – which also includes some of his own memories of growing up.

He said: "Walter Tull's life was the inspiration for Leroy in my story. This extraordinary young man had grown up in an orphanage, played football for Spurs, then joined up with his pals when war began in 1914.

"He was incredibly brave in the field of battle and deserved a medal for gallantry. He never received one. He died leading his men into attack in 1918. He has no known grave.

"Many of the issues raised in this book spring from the life and death of this brave young man. This is why the book is dedicated to his memory."

In the book the central character – Michael – lives with his French mother in London. His father died a hero, shot



HOLLYWOOD STAR: Michael Morpurgo's popular book War Horse was filmed by Steven Spielberg

down in a dogfight over the Channel. Michael has one of his medals to remember him by, and after an aunt dies Michael discovers a family secret that has remained hidden for many years.

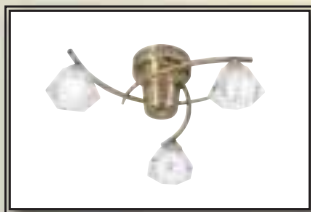
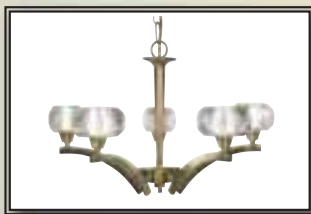
Morpurgo said part of his motivation for writing the book was because he wanted Tull to have the medal he deserved, and to have the soldier's statue outside the Imperial War Museum, so children could see for themselves how long and honourably black people have been serving in the Armed Forces.

A Medal for Leroy, published by HarperCollins, is Morpurgo's latest novel in a body of work that includes War Horse, Private Peaceful, Adolphus Tips, and Shadow.

War Horse was adapted for a hugely successful stage production by the National Theatre and, in 2011, for a film directed by Steven Spielberg.

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ENVIRONMENT

Ash dieback 'will change our countryside forever'

By Dean Kilpatrick

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THE face of the countryside could be changed forever after a killer tree disease which has blighted parts of Europe was discovered in Kent.

Eight cases of Chalara fraxinea – which has killed 90 per cent of ash trees in Denmark – have been confirmed at sites between Dover and Ashford, and there are fears more are yet to emerge.

It is believed the fungus spores were carried on the wind to Kent from mainland Europe.

Experts say ash dieback could devastate the county, with an estimated 5.5 million ash trees planted in Kent.

Forestry Commission South East director Alison Field said: "It will change the whole of the Kent landscape.

"In Denmark, only 10 per cent of trees were resistant to the disease – which means we are looking at 90 per cent of trees going down."

However, there are hopes

Picture: WTP/KEN LESLIE



AT RISK: There are an estimated 5.5 million ash trees in the county

the winter months will bring respite to scientists trying to find a cure for the disease, with infected spores not expected to be spread until next summer.

Blackened leaves, the common indicator of the disease, are likely to fall off trees in the next two weeks, making the task of locating affected trees almost impossible.

Other signifiers include dieback of crown shoots.

Announcing the confirmed cases, environment secretary Owen Paterson said: "Once we had the scientific advice that the disease in mature trees had probably arrived by wind from

Europe, it was always likely we'd find it in coastal areas."

The exact locations of the affected areas have not been released, but landowners across Kent are now keeping an attentive eye on their trees to see whether their stock has caught the killer disease.

Ash dieback has now been confirmed in trees in 14 nurseries, 36 planting sites and 32 locations across the country.

The County Land and Business Association's chairman of forestry Edward Barham said: "If the worst predictions come true, then our countryside will change forever as a result of this disease. Ash is thought to be some 30 per cent of the trees in England and their loss will affect everyone."

Some 100,000 ash trees across the country have already been destroyed in a bid to stop the spread of the disease, but more devastation is expected.

And some landowners have not ruled out legal action against the Government after warnings were given as far back as 2009.

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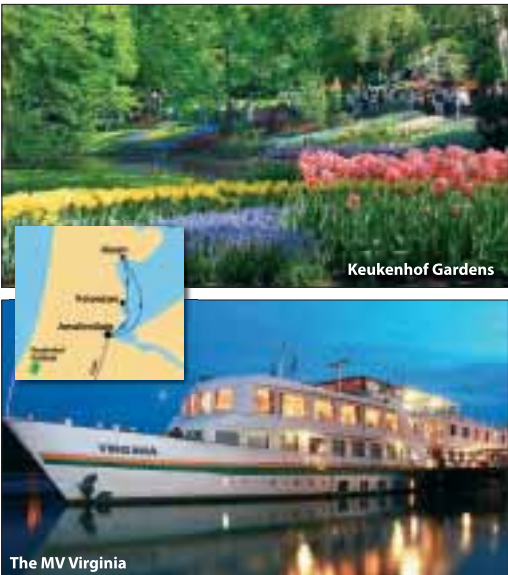
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KENT REMEMBERED



MAKING A SPLASH: Sandgate hit the headlines in 2006, when Dave the Dolphin took up residence

From swinging sixties to Dave the Dolphin

By Chris Murphy

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THE Swinging 60s was a time of sexual liberation, an iconic period of new music and fashion – and big changes in Sandgate, near Folkestone.

Author Bob Preedy has long been fascinated by the genteel nature of the suburb and has focused on life there for his new book, *Sandgate Since the Swinging Sixties*.

He said: "The book chronicles the development of the village since the formation of the Sandgate Society in 1962.

"One of the topics includes the castle history, which lay in ruins after a massive storm in 1949. In 1974, the then-owners embarked on a 14-year restoration programme.

"The coastal village of Sandgate has always been wary of the elements. Landslips over the centuries have mercilessly destroyed houses, while the waves have battered any buildings enjoying an English Channel view."

The Sandgate Society was originally formed to save the Royal Kent Hotel, but amazingly councillors in Folkestone thought its demolition would improve the village, said Mr Preedy.

He said one councillor, a Mr JC Hughes, suggested the inhabitants would then realise they lived near the sea.

He continued his onslaught saying: "If we wait a little longer, the rest will fall by decay. Sandgate? Pull it down and start afresh! That's what I call future planning."

Also in the book is the tale of two beautiful estate houses which also disappeared over the

years. Enbrook house, now replaced by the Saga building, was demolished in 1993, while the stunning Encombe estate bravely battled floods and earthslips, but was eventually beaten by a mysterious fire in 1978.

Mr Preedy said: "The interlinked lives of former local MPs provide a fascinating insight into the concept of preserving wealth by good marriage.

"MP for Hythe and Folkestone, Sir Edward Sassoon, married a relative of Mayer de Rothschild. From the marriage, their son Philip Sassoon, used his inheritance to build Port Lympne

– home to much gaiety during the roaring 20s.

"Since the 17th century the Radnor dynasty has held tremendous influence over Sandgate and Folkestone. The story of their move from the Manor House on the Leas to the secluded Cliff House at the end of Radnor Cliff reveals an era of gracious living now long forgotten."

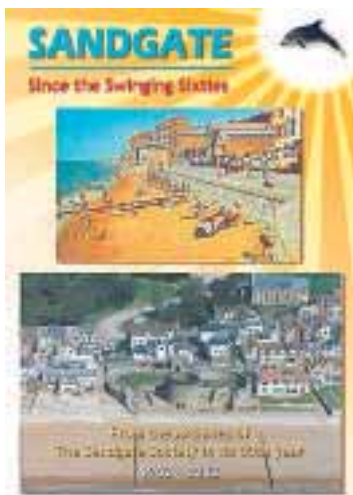
Also gone, but fondly remembered, was a major tourist attraction off the Sandgate beach.

Dave the Dolphin became a real sensation in 2006, but by the following year she was injured and quietly left our shores.

Mr Preedy added: "Sandgate might not have been a centre for the 60s swingers, but village life since 1962 has often reverberated at the tempo of rock 'n' roll – distorted by the power of developers and the deep blue sea."

Sandgate Since the Swinging Sixties includes more than 100 never-before-published photos.

It is priced at £5.99 and is available every Saturday morning from the Sandgate Society, 51 High Street, Sandgate, and can be ordered through bookshops.



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OPINION

Local hero? Kent needs you

Localism could be a mixed blessing for your neighbourhood, says **Dave Mairs**, and you might have to fight for the places you love

SHOULD you get the chance this autumn, you might wish to take a stroll through the wonderful rolling downs surrounding the village of Wye.

Enjoy this increasingly rare taste of a largely unspoilt Kent... and then consider that just seven years ago a giant chunk of this countryside was, if some people had their way, going to be covered with 4,000 houses.

The story of how this dreadful scheme was defeated has been told elsewhere, most fully by one of the main figures in the battle against it, David Hewson, in his book *Saved*.

Mr Hewson is better suited than most to write such an account – he is a professional novelist and former journalist – and the book (visit savewye.wordpress.com if you want to get hold of a copy) is a shocking account of how the institutions that exist to serve us sometimes behave.

The story of Wye Park, as that

ill-begotten project was called, sprang to mind as I read the response of county council leader Paul Carter to last week's report by Lord Heseltine in which he calls for a more aggressive approach to development.

Backing Lord Heseltine all the way, Cllr Carter said: "Whitehall needs to free up and empower local government to take the right decisions alongside local business leaders to boost the economy and create jobs."

It's an important message because Cllr Carter was one of the people who signed a so-called concordat paving the way for Wye Park. Another was the leader of Ashford Borough Council, while more still represented Imperial College, the institution behind the scheme.

Cllr Carter again: "What we need are schemes like the Regional Growth Fund, which is localism at its very best: local government, again working alongside local business leaders."

Now, I would like the Regional Growth Fund to help bring the economic renaissance the area has craved so long, but it's that phrase "localism at its very best" that worries.

I would like to know if, when the people of Wye woke up one morning to discover that local government leaders had worked alongside local business leaders, or in this case London-based Imperial College, to turn their village into a new town, that was localism at its very best.

Perhaps, seven years on, Cllr Carter believes that things could and should have been done differently. Maybe, even, local people could have been told of what was being planned from the beginning, which surely is what localism is about.

In the event, it was local people who unearthed the fact that Wye Park was about Imperial College developing its Kent landholding to raise money for improved facilities... in London.



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You will, perhaps above all, have to show an interest

It showed that, left to their own devices, local government and their allies in business can come up with something of little if any benefit to the rest of us.

The signs of a more inclusive approach, sadly, are not good. Close to the area where we began this tale, locals have taken a petition with more than 8,000 names to Downing Street in protest at a new town earmarked for 1,000 acres of countryside, but, given that the perceived opponents are Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council, you wonder if they have any real chance of winning the fight.

Battles can be won, however, as Wye Park showed. But it means you have to be involved. You have to think how you vote (do you, for example, even know who your county councillor is?). You, perhaps above all, have to show an interest.

Otherwise, localism at its very best could be coming your way soon. And you may not like it.

KOS COMMENT

Vote for a PCC, it's four years till the next poll

IN a just a few days the polls will open and the public have the chance to make history by voting for who they think should be Kent's first Police and Crime Commissioner.

So, if you haven't already, take some time to research the runners and riders, choose who you think will best oversee policing and on Thursday, put that voting slip in the ballot box.

Experts predict there will be a low turnout. Let's prove them wrong and show that Kent understands the importance of this historical election to choose its first ever PCC.

It's four years until the next election, so if you don't have your say now, it's a long time to wait until the opportunity comes up again.

Pay tribute to heroes

KENT will unite this weekend to honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The recent deaths of two Kent-based Gurkhas shows the continuing importance of Remembrance.

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We are 'Not Right, Not Left, Just English!'. If elected I shall maintain the policing budget for Kent and resist Conservative ministers' plans to cut the budget by 20 per cent.

This would lead to a disastrous loss of over 500 police constables and staff and therefore reduce our police force's capability to catch criminals and maintain law and order in Kent!

It is criminals that should be afraid not good citizens! I will have zero tolerance to political correctness in Kent policing

and focus Kent Police on traditional English law and order and cracking down on real criminals and gangs. When I say that my priority will be 'more police – catching criminals!', I mean it and I shall not hesitate to use the full powers of what will be a powerful and important office to achieve it!

So, if you are a Kent voter and you want a police force unfettered by political correctness and doing the job that we all once thought they were paid to do, then on November 15 vote Steve Uncles! Vote English Democrats!

Steve Uncles, English Democrats, PCC Candidate

Look at facts of live exports

I feel I have to reply to a letter in your latest edition sent in by Chris Smith regarding live exports from Ramsgate port.

The RSPCA were invited to the port at the request of

Thanet council earlier this year when it became apparent that Defra inspectors were allowing animals to pass through the port without proper inspections taking place.

It is no coincidence that warning notices increased dramatically after their inspectors were put in place.

The situation came to a head with the shipment in September, which has been well documented by the press, when more than 40 animals had to be offloaded, on the authority of Defra not the RSPCA.

If your reader had checked his facts he would realise the RSPCA have no power to authorise anything in respect of the livestock. Defra are the 'competent authority' and as a government body cannot be overuled.

Many sheep were found to be lame and suffering foot rot, a condition that does not materialise overnight and Government investigations are

under way to establish why they were passed fit for travel at the time of loading in Northampton.

Again, if the reader had checked his facts he would realise that the RSPCA cannot enter any property without the owner's permission and, knowing the lairage where these sheep were loaded, it is extremely unlikely permission would have been given.

I applaud Laura Sandys in her attempts to bolster export but I can assure you this does not extend to a dirty, grubby trade that does not benefit the UK in any way.

I would advise your reader to look beyond the pretty countryside and see the reality of what is happening at Ramsgate.

Livestock crammed into filthy trucks with no food or water, transported hundreds of miles taking many hours merely to be slaughtered at their destination.

Sadly, so many people cannot see beyond their

misinformed views.

Ann Adley, Margate

Parking fees killing towns

I cannot understand councils considering increasing parking fees in our high streets (KoS, November 4).

Can't they understand it is mainly the cause of our once busy high streets being deserted and looking like ghost towns?

I remember when North-down Road in Margate was a busy and thriving commercial area to shop in.

When parking fees were introduced, the decline started and shoppers decided to shop out of town where parking is free. All parking in town centres should be free. Yellow lines should only be put where it is considered dangerous to park.

I am sure I speak for many people when I say, bring back our high streets, stop this

short-sighted method of trying to raise finance in parking fees.

All that happening is, customers are boycotting the much-needed trade offered by our few remaining shops.

Councillors, please try and use a little common sense.

Rex Priggen, Westgate-on-Sea

Gregg hit by camera con

Katherine Barrett trots out the usual blurb in trying to justify the empire-building speed camera partnership prosecution of MasterChef's Gregg Wallace for speeding (KoS, November 4).

How many people have been hurt at the very spot where the camera was placed?

No good her saying that accidents have happened elsewhere on this road, that is meaningless, and were they all down to speed alone?

This is a dual carriageway which should have a national speed limit of 70mph but has been downgraded by partnership partner, KCC.

Detling Hill is on one of the steepest hills in Kent, it is no wonder that drivers do not want to slog uphill at 50mph going down through the gears.

Incidentally, the partnership are always bragging about how 'open' they are, so why is this frequently used site not listed on their website list of camera van sites?

Terry Hudson, Swalecliffe

Dad's turning in his grave

Will the idiots in this world never stop fighting? Or planning for a war that might never happen? While some of our OAPs scrape to save a penny for food amid all the austerity cuts, another £350,000,000 is going to be spent on the Trident submarine. Will we ever get a Prime Minister who actually cares for the people?

Cameron seems to be doing all he can to completely ruin our country which was once called great.

It's in fragments and will soon be just a speck of dirt off the coast of France. An insignificant little island.

Last night I heard my father, who fought in World War One, turn in his grave.

John R O'Neon, Folkestone

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Mixed response to Heseltine report on boosting UK economic growth

By Nick Ames

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PROPOSALS for economic growth put forward by Tory peer Lord Heseltine have received a varied response from leading members of Kent's business community, with small businesses warning that their voices should not be neglected.

Heseltine called for cash to boost regional economies, an end to foreign takeovers of UK companies – unless they support Britain's industrial priorities – and a relaxation on hiring talented immigrants, especially engineers.

He praised the contribution made by this country's Chamber of Commerce bodies in promoting industry and commerce and also called for a clear national growth strategy from the Government.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "Lord Heseltine's report is an impressive and wide-ranging review which makes many important recommendations, all of which have the potential to impact significantly on economic growth.

"It is most welcome and I



sincerely hope the Government will consider it carefully and act upon it where feasible.

"From a Chamber perspective, probably the most significant aspects of the report are Lord Heseltine's call for structural changes to deliver local economic growth and the enhancement of the role of Chambers of Commerce in the business support infrastructure.

"Lord Heseltine states that 'Chambers are a constant presence, have a unique international status, are based in local business communities, are independent and have a

structure that can be built on'.

"Quite so, and, coupled with his other recommendation that the Local Economic Partnerships [LEPs] be strengthened with an expanded role in promoting and coordinating economic development at a local level, with Chambers as key partners, we could end up with an economic infrastructure which is heavily influenced by local business communities.

"I look forward to any developments along these lines."

Meanwhile, the Federation of Small Businesses, which contributed to Heseltine's fact-

VERDICT:

The chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Jo James, says Lord Heseltine's report is 'impressive and wide-ranging'

finding meetings in June, said it welcomed parts of his report, especially around skills, but was careful to point out that business had other voices – not just Chambers.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "Lord Heseltine raises many good points about letting people run their business.

"The FSB has said LEPs should discuss growth ideas with local stakeholders and should be given more responsibility and resource, but not by making Chambers the port of call for all businesses.

"The FSB and other business groups represent different types of businesses and add particular expertise to policy discussions. Having just the Chambers would leave important topics for self-employed and micro-firms unanswered.

"Instead of pooling enterprise funding and central staff, Lord Heseltine should have looked at good practice from across the world and recommended a better policy-making machine and an agency to co-ordinate small-business policy.

"The FSB wants to see better ways to compose regulations,

which involves rationalising some of the bodies which influence regulations. The recommendation to better analyse regulations does not extend to HMRC or HMT, which small firms cite as large burdens."

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter also backed the recommendations.

He said: "Lord Heseltine is right to stress the importance of infrastructure as the foundation of economic growth.

"The fact is, it takes too long to get public infrastructure built. There's a massive need for significant projects like the third Thames Crossing, but historically Government have been too slow in getting their act together. Whitehall needs to free up and empower local government to take the decisions alongside local business leaders to boost the economy and create jobs.

"What we need are schemes like the Regional Growth Fund, which is localism at its very best. With the right funding and powers, local government can lead the way in driving forward the infrastructure projects we desperately need to set light to the national economy."

COUNTY ECONOMY

The most important meal of the day

REPRESENTATIVES of more than 20 tourism and hospitality businesses gathered at Penshurst Place for the first Kent Breakfast workshop.

The scheme, promoted jointly by Visit Kent and Produced in Kent, is encouraging the county's B&Bs, hotels, restaurants, pubs, cafés and anywhere else that serves breakfast to ensure at least 60 per cent of the ingredients are sourced from Kent.

Businesses signing up to the free scheme and meeting the criteria for a Kent Breakfast will receive free marketing material, enabling them to promote themselves to existing and potential guests as users of locally-sourced produce.

It was the first of two free workshops designed to introduce the new scheme and give interested businesses ideas and advice on how to implement it.

"The session featured a presentation on the scheme, the chance to hear about a similar



BREAKFAST: The event promoted the benefits of sourcing local produce

scheme in Sussex, advice on menu choices and extending seasonality and, of course, breakfasts made with Kent produce to sample," said Liz Sibilia, of Visit Kent.

"It was a very good event, very busy, and the feedback we received was really positive. It was a really encouraging start to the campaign."

Among those attending was Nicholas Morris, of Charcott Farmhouse in Leigh, near Tonbridge,

who said he would support the initiative: "What particularly struck me was the speaker from Sussex who pointed out that when you buy your supplies locally you support your local economy and support the creation of local jobs in the future."

"I thought the event in general was very worthwhile and, while we already buy much of our produce locally, we will be supporting Kent Breakfast."

Stephanie Durling, head of business development at Produced in Kent, said: "We were very pleased with how well received the event was and we know of at least one company that signed up to the scheme straight away."

The Kent Breakfast campaign is funded through Defra's Rural Development Programme for England and a second workshop takes place on Wednesday (November 14) at Brogdale, near Faversham.

EMPLOYMENT

Small firms are key to creating new jobs

THE key to aiding economic recovery and reducing the rate of unemployment in Kent could be small businesses and start-ups.

New findings from the Federation of Small Businesses found that up to nine in 10 unemployed people in the UK were now finding jobs by either setting up a new business or working for a small business.

Robert Brown, partner at Rochester-based Chartered Accountancy, Crossley Group, said: "These numbers show the importance of small businesses, particularly in areas such as Medway, where unemployment still stands at 4.3 per cent – higher than the national average."

Crossley Group works with many small businesses and start-up firms in Kent – they provided free tax consultations at their stand for small businesses attending a recent business exhibition.

"As a local firm, ourselves starting out small more than 20 years ago, it is always pleasing to be able to advise and assist start-ups wherever we can," said Brown.

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Government cash will support exporters' forward thinking

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COMPANIES looking to do business across the Channel are set to benefit as a total of £13 million in funding has been awarded by the Government to help 10,000 more British firms export.

The funds will go to UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) to help more companies make contacts and sell to overseas markets – especially important to Kent due to its close proximity to European markets.

The majority of the investment – up to £9m – will go directly towards boosting trade opportunities for small and medium-sized businesses.

This additional funding for SMEs means:

- There will be more money available to attend trade shows overseas by expanding the Tradeshow Access Programme.
- Substantial discounts will be offered on the Overseas Market Introduction Service (OMIS), which provides targeted market research to help businesses find those crucial first contacts and to encourage them to develop relationships in new, fast-growing markets.
- There will be increased support available for travel on overseas trade missions.

Lewis Scott, regional director for UKTI South East, urged SMEs to take advantage of the support. "This investment is a



LOOKING ABROAD: Government cash has been made available to help companies export their goods

boost for South East SMEs thinking about or starting to export," he said. "Companies are achieving significant results in overseas markets, but many firms have still not taken advantage of our service.

"Our dedicated team of international trade advisers will tailor support to an individual business and are helping companies across the region to export for the first time or to enter new markets."

In addition, £2.5m will be invested in helping firms access and win some of the many high-value opportunities that UKTI has identified globally.

A further £1.5m will be used

for projects including support for UKTI's work, attracting vital inward investment.

This announcement comes as UKTI prepares to host Export Week from Monday to Friday, November 12-16, when there will be more than 100 events up and down the UK designed to reach out to SMEs.

There will also be five Explore Export events at which UKTI experts from 70 overseas markets will provide advice about trading both with the UK's traditional partners such as France, Germany and the US and high-growth markets such as Brazil and China.

Business Secretary Vince

Cable said: "One of our major ambitions for growth is to boost UK exports – we have to excel in trade. Small and medium-sized enterprises are crucial to this challenge – over half of the monetary value of the UK's exports comes from SMEs.

"SMEs are innovators in every sector, whether hi-tech or traditional, and they are major job-creators for our economy, employing almost 60 per cent of the private-sector workforce. This extra funding will help those businesses already exporting to go further and explore new markets, and help those thinking of exporting to make that crucial

first step. We anticipate more than 10,000 businesses will benefit from the additional funding, moving us closer to our ambition of getting 100,000 more businesses exporting British goods and services."

Trade and Investment Minister Lord Green said: "UK Trade and Investment intends to double the number of companies it helps to 50,000 by 2015. We know our help can have a transformative effect on businesses. On average, companies that work with UKTI go on to win additional sales of £100,000 within 18 months and 90 per cent of those we support are small and medium-sized firms."

"This extra investment will directly help businesses to travel abroad to showcase their products, find more customers and make the contacts they need to succeed. As we look to trade more with high-growth markets outside the EU, we want to ensure businesses have the support they need to realise their full potential."

The new investment comes as part of a drive by Government to boost exports for UK firms and achieve ambitions to:

- Double UK exports to £1 trillion by 2020.
- Get 100,000 more companies exporting.
- Increase the proportion of companies that export from one in five to one in four, the European average.

WORKSHOPS

Learn about growth steps

MANAGERS can learn about business growth, thanks to some new workshops.

The Kent Business School, in partnership with MAS (Manufacturing Advisory Service), is offering all owners and managers within the region the opportunity to take part in free business-growth workshops aimed at achieving higher levels of sustained growth and profitability.

Three are taking place this week and each workshop uses the results of rigorous research carried out by the Business School at the University of Kent to showcase the Ten Steps that have already been put into action to help more than 500 business leaders achieve sustained, profitable growth.

They will also provide a unique opportunity to hear from current participants benefiting from The Business Improvement and Growth [BIG] Journey, and learn more about the only research-led growth programme for owner-managers.

"There is only so far you can take a business by yourself – the programme has given a focus to our growth plans," said Paul Bailes, managing director of Cohesion Design Services, a marketing design agency based in Tonbridge.

Mark Knowlton, MAS adviser, said: "The workshops ensure business leaders learn about the 10 characteristics of high-growth firms and how they can assist and be implemented into existing business models.

"Questions on business growth can be directed at the panel of experts. Information on access to funding will be provided and delegates can network with like-minded business-owners who are experiencing similar challenges within the current economic climate."

Places are limited to 25 per taster workshop. To reserve your place and receive details of the exact location, call 01227 827192 and quote reference BIG2013-MAS – or visit www.kent.ac.uk/kbs/business/contact-us/register/ instead.

DATES

Chatham

Tuesday, November 13, 6pm-8pm

Maidstone

Wednesday, November 14, 8.30am-10.30am

Tonbridge

Wednesday, November 14, 6pm-8pm

Partnership enables international expansion

THE Kent Invicta Chamber has forged a new partnership with Moneycorp, the foreign-exchange and payments specialist, with the launch of a service designed to help businesses trading internationally.

Chamber Foreign Exchange is available to members of Kent Invicta Chamber as part of an exclusive deal negotiated by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

It is a package of products helping companies to save money and reduce the risks surrounding foreign-exchange transactions. The service allows

businesses to make and receive overseas payments and hedge currency risk, for example by fixing rates in advance to help deal with currency fluctuations.

In addition, businesses can benefit from competitive exchange rates, free online currency accounts, reduced transfer fees and fast online transactions.

Jo James, chief executive at the Kent Invicta Chamber, said: "Chamber Foreign Exchange is designed to help businesses manage foreign-exchange transactions of all sizes. Firms are looking to new markets, particularly

outside the EU, to grow their business and so the importance of managing the risks associated with foreign-exchange transactions is growing.

"According to the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics, more than half of British exports in the three months to May went to countries outside the EU, an increase of 13 per cent on the same quarter last year.

"Moneycorp is a trusted and recognised provider of foreign-exchange products and services and we're excited to offer Chamber members a new service to help them

expand into new markets."

The new partnership will be particularly helpful to Kent firms as many do business with the Continent.

Paddy Earnshaw, chief commercial officer at Moneycorp, said: "Chamber Foreign Exchange will help businesses trading internationally eliminate some of the risks associated with currency fluctuations.

"The service offers a range of tools to fix exchange rates, meaning not only will firms protect themselves from currency falls but [they can] take advantage of any positive moves."

Awards success for inspirational 'slow' toy

BIGJIGS Toys, based in Folkestone has been awarded one of the most prestigious awards in the toy industry.

The Bigjigs Toys Triangular Activity Centre was unveiled at Selfridge's Oxford Street store as a

winner of the Slow Toy awards.

The Slow Toy Movement was launched in 2011 to promote traditional toys that inspire a child's mind.

The winning toy was an abacus, a blackboard,

wooden letter and picture blocks, animal matching and number sorting ends.

"We are delighted to have achieved this award – it has taken us the best part of a year to get this product from start to finish.

"We are so happy all the

hard work has paid off and that everyone is enjoying this modern twist on a classic toy," said Liz Ireland, company director.

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Special day will be a chance to do something new

PEOPLE can learn how to access new skills – and improve their knowledge – with an initiative at the Thanet Gateway Plus.

The Do Something New Day is on Tuesday, December 4, and has been set up to help people who currently lack confidence when taking on new challenges.

Those who feel anxious about information and communication technology skills may find the day particularly beneficial. Information on joining ICT courses will be available and visitors will be able to receive guidance on how to make the most of technology without being fearful.

Nine organisations will be represented at the Gateway Plus, including the Citizens Advice Bureau and Thanet Volunteer Bureau.

For those seeking support about improving their job prospects, the National Careers Service will be offering one-to-one sessions on effective CV creation. And for budding business people, representatives from the Kent Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs will deliver 15-minute workshops on Introduction to Enterprise.

Those who lack confidence with literacy and numeracy skills will find help from TGB Learning.

The full list of organisations at Thanet Gateway Plus, Cecil Street, Margate, on Tuesday, December 4, is: Kent Adult Education; Citizens Advice Bureau; Thanet Disability Drop-in Centre; NHS Health Trainers; Kent Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs; National Careers Service; Sportsnet Group; TG Peer Associates; and Volunteer Bureau.

Experimental power plant to be built at Medway university

AN experimental power plant is to be built at the University of Greenwich, as part of a cross-Channel project to find sustainable sources of green energy to meet the planet's needs.

Staff and students from the university will carry out research about the glycerol-fuelled installation, which will heat the Medway campus at Chatham Maritime.

The initiative, which is led by Medway Council, is being backed by a €4,261,405 grant from the European Development Fund.

It's part of Ecotec 21, an Anglo-French consortium set up to study Combined Heat and Power (CHP) technology, which captures the waste heat created by power plants and uses it for heating or hot water.

The project brings together universities in the UK and France, research institutions, government-funded organisations, energy and facility managers, designers, and architects.

An international expert in bio-fuels, Professor Pat Harvey from the University of Greenwich, is leading the campus study.

Based in the university's School of Science, she aims to find cost-effective and environmentally efficient ways of producing glycerol, including

the future possibility of using algae as a source of the fuel. A sugar alcohol, glycerol has many advantages over other energy sources as it is water-soluble, bio-degradable, non-odorous, non-volatile, non-toxic, and produces virtually no combustion particulates.

Prof Harvey will also research the carbon footprint of glycerol – expected to be much lower than gas – as well as its risks.

The School of Engineering will review the design of the plant and its systems, while colleagues in the School of Architecture, Design and Construction will study the retro-fitting and performance of this new technology, along with training needed.

The Business School will assess economic issues, while university researchers in psychology will consider how best to encourage use of biofuels.

Prof Harvey said: "This ambitious project puts Medway at the forefront of technological development in sustainable fuels."

"We believe we are the first university in the world to install a glycerol boiler and the findings of this research will have an important contribu-

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BIO-FUELS EXPERT: Professor Pat Harvey

tion to make to the global search for the biofuels of the future."

The development builds on a strong track record of achievement in sustainability at the University of Greenwich, which was named as the "greenest-ever university in the UK" in the latest Guardian/People and Planet league tables.

UCA wins key role in Europe culture regeneration projects

STUDENTS, staff and graduates of the University for the Creative Arts (UCA) will soon benefit from nearly £900,000 of EU funding for three cultural regeneration projects.

UCA's Research and Enterprise department has been awarded funds from the EU's Interreg IVA Channel Programme to participate in three schemes that aim to engage the creative and cultural industries in the UK and France.

UCA has been appointed lead partner of one of the contracts and will handle a budget of £3.6m to help boost cultural regeneration and civic engagement on both sides of the Channel.

UCA's assistant director of research and enterprise Uwe Derksen, said: "We are delighted to confirm three new and exciting projects. They will aid research at UCA, and in the UK, in a variety of

ways but also create new partnership opportunities and access to new resources and expertise.

"I find it particularly satisfying that UCA has been made lead partner of one of the projects as it shows the benefits a creative arts university can bring to a cultural regeneration scheme."

UCA will lead the Inter-regional Culture-led Regeneration (ICR) project which aims to stimulate the growth of the creative and cultural industries in the south coast of England and Parn-de-Calais, Normandy and Brittany in France.

The scheme, in partnership with Kent County Council, Medway Council, Arts University Bournemouth and French counterparts, will employ innovative models of creative knowledge exchange, and audience engagement to encourage cultural activity in urban centres.

Hair students make the cut

HAIR design students perfected the art of the sales pitch during a promotional demonstration at MidKent College.

The display at the Medway Campus was for the British manufacturer Good Hair Day – more commonly known as ghd – which is most famous for its range of hair straighteners but also produces hairdryers, stylers, brushes and other accessories.

Students practiced their hair design skills on one other throughout the demonstration

while others sold raffle tickets for a chance to win a range of ghd gifts.

Hair technician Jemma Lane said: "This type of activity gives students the confidence to promote the extra services and products available from the college."

"Part of being a professional hairstylist is about being able to engage with your customers to hopefully sell treatments and equipment to them, which is why this unit is included on the course."



HAIR: Dionne Rozario styles the hair of Samantha Buckingham

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Westlands School is an outstanding school as recognised by Ofsted.

Application must be made via the Teaching Agency website, details as above.

Closing date: **Wednesday 28 November 2012**

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Contact Details: Westlands School, Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF. Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461. www.westlands.org.uk. Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Best Western Plus Coniston Hotel and Restaurant, 70 London Road, Sittingbourne**
Mr Paul Noble

Applicant:

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this notice. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made by Georgina Brandson of Frindsbury House, Cox Street, Detling to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

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 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//12/00160/OUT: Land adjacent Thanet Way, Whitstable Development comprising public open space, church, indoor sports facilities, business park and associated landscaping and access. (Outline application). **Applicant: George Wilson Developments** Reason: Contrary to development plan and major.
 CA//12/01768/ADV: 12 Oxford Street, Whitstable, CT5 1DE Erection of three wall mounted signs. (Retrospective application). **Applicant: Parry Law** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01869/FUL: Dove Cottage, Anvil Green Road, Waltham Installation of solar panels to roof **Applicant: Mr Julian Whitfield** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01877/FUL: 220 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5UB First-floor extension to front and rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Ladner** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01896/TAM: Land at Sea Street, Herne Bay Installation of telecommunications equipment cabinet. **Applicant: Openreach** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01901/ADV: 1-3 North Lane, Canterbury, CT2 7EB Illuminated and non-illuminated signage. **Applicant: JD Wetherspoon** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
 CA//12/01906/LB: 1-3 North Lane, Canterbury, CT2 7EB Illuminated and non-illuminated signage. **Applicant: JD Wetherspoon** Reason: Work to a listed building.
 CA//12/01915/ADV: The Prince Albert, Sea Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AN Removal of existing signage and replacement with illuminated signs **Applicant: Punch Taverns** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01916/FUL: Land west of The Old House, Garlinge Green Road, Garlinge Green, Petham Change of use of land for use of 10kw ground-mounted solar array. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Knox** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
 CA//12/01923/TAM: Land north of Brian Roberts House, Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5PW Installation of telecommunications cabinet. **Applicant: Openreach** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01924/TAM: Land opposite 50 Mickleburgh Hill, Herne Bay, CT6 6DU Installation of telecommunications cabinet. **Applicant: Openreach** Reason: Conservation area.
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 CA//12/01927/TAM: Land to front of 7 Cavendish Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5BH Installation of telecommunications cabinet. **Applicant: Openreach** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01931/LB: St Edmunds School, St Thomas Hill, Canterbury, CT2 8HU External doors replacing window to sixth form common room. **Applicant: Clague** Reason: Work to a listed building.
 CA//12/01938/LB: The Swan Inn, High Street, Sturry, CT2 0BD Repairs and alterations to rear roof including demolition of existing chimney and introduction of new roof beam. **Applicant: Augustus Moon LLP** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
 CA//12/01941/CAC: Kingsmead CP School, St Johns Place, Canterbury, CT1 1BD Demolition of the existing horsa hut and air raid shelter on the school site. **Applicant: Kent County Council** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
 CA//12/01946/FUL: Salvation Army, White Horse Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2RU Replacement shopfront **Applicant: The Salvation Army** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01950/TAM: Land outside 18 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay Installation of telecommunications cabinet **Applicant: Openreach** Reason: Conservation area.
 CA//12/01951/TAM: Land junction High Street/New Street, Herne Bay Installation of telecommunications cabinet **Applicant: Openreach** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 3 December 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
 Friday 9 November 2012

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0750/SH+ - Pavement in front of The Cottage The Green Saltwood Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0980/SH - Royal Victoria Hospital Radnor Park Avenue Folkestone Kent CT19 5BN - Hybrid application comprising a full planning application for the change of use, conversion and part demolition of the main former Royal Victoria Hospital building to provide 16 residential units and associated parking, together with an outline application for the redevelopment of the remaining parts of the site, including demolition of outbuildings to provide 26 houses and associated car parking with all matters, except access, reserved.
 Y12/0930/SH - Pavement outside 77 Bouverie Road West Folkestone Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification)
 Y12/0937/SH - Pavement at junction with North Street, Radnor Street and The Stade Folkestone Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0936/SH - Pavement outside Sir John Moore Court Sandgate High Street Sandgate Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0933/SH - Pavement outside 10-12 Langhorne Gardens Folkestone Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0934/SH - Pavement outside Neale Cottage Lister Way Sandgate Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0935/SH - Pavement adjacent Ship Inn 65 Sandgate High Street Sandgate Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0929/SH - Pavement outside Garden House Court 142 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0932/SH - Pavement of Metropole Road West Folkestone Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Y12/0922/SH - Pavement at junction with Sandgate Road & Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent - Erection of kerbside equipment cabinet (telecommunications development 56 day notification).
 Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.
 Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:
 # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
 + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe
 Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.
 The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.
 C Lewis, Head of Planning
 Shepway District Council

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

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1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 26 NOVEMBER 2012

SW/12/1254:
 Shopfront & fascia (replacement) - 3 West Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1296:
 Proposed loft conversion to create 2 no. bedrooms with an increase in the ridge height. New timber cladding to external walls and new roof tiles - New Place Farm, Thorneycroft Road, STALISFIELD; **REASON 1**

SW/12/1297:
 Listed building consent for new central heater boiler in kitchen, installation of flue, removal of existing flue and erection of weather boarding. (Retrospective) - 15 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/12/1308:
 Replacement windows and doors to property - 6 Beckett Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/1311:
 Redevelopment of redundant farm buildings and farmyard to provide 21 dwellings, including improvement of existing vehicular access - Scooles Farm, Scooles Road, MINSTER; **REASONS 2 & 3**

SW/12/1345:
 Listed Building Consent for handrails to two pedestrian entrances on south road - 5 Almshouses, South Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1348:
 Change of use of rear part of building from nightclub to Islamic Cultural Centre and function room - Crown Hotel, 148 High Street, SHEERNESS; **REASON 6**

SW/12/1351:
 Amendment of condition (1) appended to planning permission SW/11/0975 to permit hand car wash to operate between the hours of 0900-1900 hrs on Monday to Saturday and between 0900-1800 hrs on Sundays (currently permitted Sunday hours of use 1000-1600 hrs) - 67 High Street, NEWINGTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1352 & SW/12/1388
 Proposed first floor extension on existing ground floor foot print - 3 Swanton Street Cottages, BREDGAR - **REASON 2**

SW/12/1354:
 Advertisement consent for 1 non illuminated post sign - Albion Tavern, 29 Front Brents, FAVERSHAM - **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1364 & SW/12/1365:
 Single storey extension, replacement windows, provision of door in place of window, internal alterations to ground floor shower room - The Old Vicarage, Conyer Road, TEYNHAM - **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1371:
 Retrospective consent for continued use of the site as a yard for the storage of plant and materials for a groundworks business including a designated turning area for lowloaders with access onto Barton Hill Drive along with details of staff and plant parking areas and additional landscaping - Land adj 145 Barton Hill Drive, MINSTER-ON-SEA - **REASON 6**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
 Head of Planning

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Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the schedule below lists the Members' Allowances paid in accordance with the Swale Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme for the municipal year 2011/12. The Members' Allowances Scheme can be inspected during normal office hours at the Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne or on the Council's website at www.swale.gov.uk.

Mark Radford
Corporate Services Director
3 October 2012

Surname	Basic Allowance	Special Responsibility	IT Allowance	Travel Expenses
Baldock M	368.44			
Banks D	368.44			
Barnicott R	3,342.96	3,510.00	100.00	690.55
Bennett S	2,974.52			15.65
Bobbins G	3,377.96			1,281.20
Bonney M	3,342.96		100.00	
Booth A	3,342.96			1,027.25
Bowen L	3,342.96		100.00	192.08
Bowles A	3,342.96	11,700.00	100.00	2,906.05
Constable J	3,342.96		100.00	18.42
Constable M	3,342.96	1,170.00	100.00	230.44
Conway D	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	
Cosgrove M	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	1,608.07
Coulter J	2,974.52		100.00	208.52
Crowther A	3,342.96		100.00	643.43
Darby R	368.44			
Dewar-Whalley D	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	321.73
Ellen M	2,974.52		100.00	435.75
Fentiman T	368.44			34.29
Foulds C	368.44			66.79
Garrad J	2,974.52		100.00	499.67
Gent E	3,342.96		100.00	29.04
Gent S	3,342.96		100.00	82.62
Hampshire N	3,342.96	1,015.89	100.00	332.41
Harrison A	3,342.96	3,460.04		431.89
Haywood M	3,377.96	3,284.17	100.00	
Henderson S	3,342.96		100.00	633.37
Ingham L	3,342.96	4,758.00	100.00	1,240.82
Lewin G	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	1,460.81
Lowee E	368.44	644.76		1.33
Marchington P	2,974.52		100.00	58.44
McCusker M	3,009.52		100.00	
Morris J	3,342.96	2,925.00	100.00	224.32
Mulhern B	3,342.96	2,418.00		
Prescott C	3,342.96	195.00	100.00	1,199.06
Pugh K	3,342.96		100.00	413.76
Randall G	3,377.96		100.00	
Sandle P	3,342.96			1,229.31
Sargent D	3,342.96			102.25
Simmons D	3,342.96	7,020.00		778.40
Simpson B	2,354.45		100.00	
Stokes B	3,342.96			300.40
Sturdgees P	368.44			
Tolhurst A	3,342.96	2,998.17	100.00	49.12
Truelove R	3,342.96	3,046.98		8.75
Walker A	3,342.96		100.00	6.69
Whelan G	3,377.96		100.00	60.21
Whiting M	179.73			
Wilcox T	3,342.96	3,588.00		435.90
Williams N	3,342.96		100.00	
Willicombe A	3,342.96		100.00	88.12
Willicombe J	3,342.96		100.00	103.37
Winckless A	2,974.52			
Worrall S	3,342.96			180.60
Wright J	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	1,345.10
TOTAL	156,485.34	86,834.01	3,400	20,975.98

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/02912/FUL The Annexe Ramsden Farm Dingleaden, Benenden

- Retrospective - Development of upper floor and change of use of residential annexe to dwelling house (PROW)

12/02988/HOUSE Halfway Cottage Horsmonden Road, Brenchley

- Extension of time - Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new larger outbuilding (planning permission TW/09/03436 refers) (LB)

12/02917/MMAMD Garages & Land Rear Of 21 - 23 Eridge Road, Broadwater

- Minor Material Amendment of TW/12/00597/FUL Demolition of existing garages and construction of two detached houses - changes proposed are construction of properties in brickwork instead of render; use of UPVC sash windows (CA)

12/02926/HOUSE Langton Villa Langton Road, Broadwater

- Single storey north extension, single storey south extension and a brise-soleil (sun screen) to the south elevation (LB)

12/02747/LBC 32 Hartley Court Gardens Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Listed Building Consent - Erection of internal stud wall to create second bedroom (LB)

12/03012/HOUSE 2 St Davids Bridge Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Single storey rear extension (CA) (LB)

12/03013/LBC 2 St Davids Bridge Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Listed Building Consent - Single storey rear extension (LB)

12/02946/HOUSE 3 Bishops Down Cottage Bishops Down Park Road, Culverden

- Replacement of front door and lounge french windows (CA)

12/02952/FUL Pigwidgeon & Pye Ltd 71 - 75 Mount Pleasant Road, Culverden

- Change of use at ground and first floor levels from Class A1/A3 use and at second floor level from Class C3 residential use to provide a Class A3 restaurant use at ground, first and second floors; Replacement of existing shopfront (LB) (CA)

12/03002/MMAMD Gills Green Farm Land & Buildings Wellington Road, Hawkhurst

- Minor material amendment to TW/09/04065 - Demolition of sheep shed and removal of other buildings and containers previously used for a dried flower business. Conversion of a barn to a live/work unit. Development of stables and ancillary storage. Change of use of land to equestrian use. Associated parking and landscape proposals - minor internal and external alterations including amendments to external door and window openings and additional roof lights (LB) (DEVPLN)

12/02989/LBC Ash Farm School House Lane, Horsmonden

- Listed Building Consent - Alterations to fenestration at rear elevation (LB)

12/02953/HOUSE Down Villa The Slade, Lamberhurst

- Single storey rear extension and alterations (CA)

12/03010/LBC Mascalls Pound Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood

- Listed Building Consent - Increase roof pitch of existing pool hut to 35 degrees with clay tiles (LB)

12/02955/FUL Warwick Park Nursing Home 55 Warwick Park, Pantiles & St Marks

- Extension to rear (north east) elevation at basement, ground, first and second floor levels; extension of parking area to front and creation of refuse store (CA)

12/03008/HOUSE 1 Hargate Close Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks

- Two storey rear extension and a single storey side extension amendments to include two dormers to east elevation (TW/12/02296 refers) (CA)

12/02824/HOUSE September Cottage Rye Road, Sandhurst

- Replacement garage with new annex building and glazed link (LB)

12/02825/LBC September Cottage Rye Road, Sandhurst

- Listed Building Consent: Replacement garage with new annex building and glazed link (LB)

12/02943/HOUSE Broomlands Broom Lane, Speldhurst

- The southern part of the building is to be adapted to form a gardeners bothy with storage, an office and a shower. New floor is to be laid in the stables to form a function room with a kitchen, wc & shower in spaces to the south. The office and hayloft to the north are to be converted into one bedroom flat (all ancillary to Broomlands) (LB)

12/02944/LBC Broomlands Broom Lane, Speldhurst

- Listed Building Consent: The southern part of the building is to be adapted to form a gardeners bothy with storage, an office and a shower. New floor is to be laid in the stables to form a function room with a kitchen, wc & shower in spaces to the south. The office and hayloft to the north are to be converted into a one bedroom flat (all ancillary to Broomlands) (LB)

12/02880/FUL Garage Block & Land Albion Road, St James

- Terrace of 3 x 3-bedroom houses (CA)

12/03006/HOUSE 48 Beulah Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, St James

- Two-storey rear infill extension (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 10 November 2012



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/1671/N - 65, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SR - Replace an existing Telephone Kiosk with a new kiosk combining an ATM and a Payphone. Reason: 1, 2

MA/12/1833/S - 62, BOWER LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8ED - Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 11/1201 (erection of three dwellings) to alter external layout, fenestration and provide solar panels. Reason: 1

MA/12/1838/S - TESTON VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET, TESTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 5AH -

Change of use of land for the stationing of a portacabin for retail use (post office and stores) and stationing of a portacabin to provide toilet facilities for associated staff only and the laying of hard surfacing to provide pedestrian access for a temporary period of 18 months. Reason: 1, 2

MA/12/1843/S - MOTORLINE RENAULT 2, HART STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8RA - Demolition of existing car dealership and erection of two storey, free-standing restaurant with associated drive-thru, car parking and associated works. Reason: 1, 9

MA/12/1848/S - LAND AT HAYLE PLACE, POSTLEY ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT - Application for reserved matters of application MA/11/0580 (renewal of MA/02/0180) for the erection of 127 residential units and associated landscape and highways works. Reason: 1, 6, 7

MA/12/1861/S - MARSHALL HOUSE, HUNT STREET, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0ND - Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission 09/1598 (Alteration to existing outbuilding to include raised ridge height and new pitched roof). Reason: 1

MA/12/1878/S - MARSHALLS PLACE, AMBER LANE, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3SE - Listed Building Consent for erection of a single-storey side extension with room in the roof. Reason: 3

MA/12/1890/S - LITTLE ULCOMBE, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, SUTTON VALENCE, KENT, ME17 3DZ -

An application for listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side extension and internal alterations (Amendments to previously approved MA/12/0727). Reason: 3

MA/12/1891/S - LITTLE ULCOMBE, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, SUTTON VALENCE, KENT, ME17 3DZ -

Erection of a two storey side extension (Amendments to previously approved MA/12/0726). Reason: 1

MA/12/1901/S - 8, CHURCH WALK, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NP - Erection of a two storey rear extension. Reason: 1

MA/12/1914/N - 29 TO 39, ST FAITHS STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1LJ - Application for listed building consent to replace existing front doors. Reason: 3

MA/12/1922/N - LEEDS CASTLE, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PL - Construction of a children's high ropes course adjacent to existing Go Ape course. Reason: 1

MA/12/1923/S - 8, CHURCH WALK, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NP - An application for conservation area consent for the demolition of existing conservatory. Reason: 4

MA/12/1925/N - LAND ADJ BICKNOR OAST, BICKNOR LANE, BICKNOR, KENT - S73 application to remove conditions 2, 3 and 10 of planning permission MA/01/1463 (erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings including a parking and turning area) and to grant planning permission for the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings including parking and turning as erected and completed without formal discharge of details of external materials, landscaping and remediation of contamination in accordance with drawings DHA/9427/07, DHA/9427/08 and Geotechnical Report April 2005 and Closure Report dated 9.10.2012. Reason: 1

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than 25th November 2012, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 11th November 2012

Maidstone Borough Council

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 that Maidstone Borough Council proposes to dispose of the leasehold interest in approximately 1970 sq. metres of land at Penenden Heath Open Space to Penenden Heath Bowls Club. This will enable the club to take over the management of the bowling green and surrounding area.

Further details of this disposal may be obtained from the office of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ; where the plan can be inspected during normal office hours.

Objections to this proposal should be sent in writing to the Assistant Director of Environment & Regulatory Services at the above address, no later than Monday 24 December 2012.

Steve Goulette
Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services
Friday 2 November 2012



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HIGHWAYS - Ashford Area

CHEESEMAN'S GREEN LANE, KINGSNORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cheeseman's Green Lane, Kingsnorth, on or after 29 November 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Church Lane as far as Hillcrest Farm, with no through access. The alternative route is via Highfield Road, A20 Hythe Road, Bower Road, Church Road (Mersham), Flood Street and South Stour Road to Cheeseman's Green Lane.

WYE LEVEL CROSSING, WYE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Wye Level Crossing, Wye, on or after 2 December 2012, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Bridge Street will be closed in the vicinity of the Level Crossing.

There will be no access for through traffic from Harville Road / Bramble Lane into the village of Wye.

The alternative route is via Bridge Street, Churchfield Way, High Street, Upper Bridge Street, Oxentun Road, Naccolt Road, Hinxhill Road, The Street (Willesborough), A2070 Kennington Road & Willesborough Road, A28 Canterbury Road and Harville Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)

AMENDMENT NO. 2 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

re-enact those existing provisions without any change of substance to the restrictions as signed on the A262 Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden. This Order does not implement or change any speed limits already installed on the public highway.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 12/11/2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - Canterbury Area

MILL LANE & SUMMER HILL, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing near the A2050 London Road Roundabout, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane & Summer Hill, Canterbury, on or after 14 November 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

MILL LANE will be closed at the junction with the A2050 at London Road Roundabout.

The alternative route is via Priores Road, Miller Avenue and Knight Avenue.

SUMMER HILL will be closed eastbound only at the junction with the A2050 Harbledown Bypass.

The alternative route is via Church Hill, Chartham Hatch Road and A2050 Harbledown Bypass.

The planned closure times are between 8.00 pm through until 5.00 am.

STURRY, ST STEPHEN'S AND CHARTHAM LEVEL CROSSINGS, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sturry, St Stephen's and Chartham Level Crossings, Canterbury, on or after 2 December 2012 as shown below.

CHARTHAM LEVEL CROSSING
Station Road, Chartham will be closed at Chartham Level Crossing from Sunday 2 December at 0.30 am until Monday 3 December at 4.00 am.

The alternative route is via Station Road, A28 Ashford Road, Shalmsford Street, Bolts Hill, Parish Road and Church Lane.

ST STEPHEN'S LEVEL CROSSING
St Stephen's Road, Canterbury will be closed at the Level Crossing from Sunday 2 December at 7.00 pm until Monday 3 December at 4.00 am.

The alternative route is via St Stephen's Road, Station Road West, St Dunstan's Street, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road, St Stephen's Hill and St Stephen's Green.

STURRY LEVEL CROSSING
Mill Road, Canterbury will be closed at Sturry Level Crossing from Sunday 2 December at 7.00 pm until Monday 3 December at 4.00 am.

The alternative routes are
Light vehicles and buses via A291 Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, Sweenchgate, Shalloak Road, Broad Oak Road, Vauxhall Road, A28 Sturry Road and Mill Road.

All Vehicles over 7.5 T (except buses) via A291 Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, Canterbury Road, A299 Thanet Way, A290 Clapham Hill, Pean Hill, Honey Hill, Bleas Common, Bleas Hill, Tile Kiln Hill, Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, London Road, A2050 Rheims Way, A28 Ring Road, Sturry Road and Mill Road.

HIGHWAYS - Dover Area

A257 ASH BYPASS & A256 SANDWICH BYPASS, ASH (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during works to install a new electricity cable, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph on sections of the A257 Ash Bypass and A256 Sandwich Bypass, Ash, on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The sections of roads affected are as follows

A257 ASH BYPASS / SANDWICH ROAD, ASH & EACH END, WOODNESBOROUGH - from a point just east of the junction with Weddington Lane eastwards to and including the roundabout junction with the A256 Sandwich Bypass.

A256 SANDWICH BYPASS, SANDWICH - from and including the roundabout with the A257 southwards to a point level with Poulders Road.

The 30 mph limit will apply in both directions, as and when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

The need for restrictions will be phased according to the location of the works.

It is planned that works will start on the A257 from Weddington Lane working towards the roundabout with the A256, then onto the A256 towards Poulders Road.

SOMERSET ROAD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Somerset Road, Deal, on or after 14 November 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Telegraph Road.

The alternative route is via Telegraph Road, Hamilton Road, Cornwall Road and Downs Road to Somerset Road.

HIGHWAYS - Gravesham Area

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 10) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984;

The effect of the Order is to:

1. Introduce No waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions on the following roads or lengths of roads in Gravesend: Gravesend Road, Higham (A226), Crutches Lane, Higham and Forge Lane, Higham
2. Introduce no loading at any time restrictions on the following roads or lengths of road in Gravesham: Gravesend Road, Higham (A226)
3. Introduce no waiting between 8am-9.30am or 2.30pm-4pm, Mon-Fri inclusive (single yellow lines) on the following roads or lengths of road in Gravesham: Crutches Lane, Higham

Full details are contained in the Order which, together

with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for making the Order, may be examined between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays at Ashford Highway Depot, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD and at Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Maidstone Area

FORGE LANE, EAST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a low voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Forge Lane, East Farleigh, on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Vicarage Lane for approximately 140 metres.

The alternative route is via Vicarage Lane, B2010 Lower Road, Dean Street.

GRIGG LANE, HEADCORN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new foul water pump main, washout chamber and a new gas main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grigg Lane, Headcorn, on or after 26 November 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Gibbs Hill Farm.

The alternative route is via Oak Lane, Forge Lane, Lenham Road, Baker Lane.

HEREFORD ROAD AND WHEELER STREET, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, lining and repairs to a gully cover and frame, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hereford Road on or after 30 November 2012 and Wheeler Street on or after 20 January 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

Hereford Road will be closed at the junction with Northumberland Road and Wheeler Street will be closed from Union Street to Holland Road.

The alternative route for Hereford Road is via Hereford Road, Worcester Road, Northumberland Road and for Wheeler Street from Union Street is via Union Street, Sittingbourne Road, Holland Road and from Holland Lane is via Holland Road, Sittingbourne Road, Albion Place, King Street, Wyke Manor Road, Church Street, Union Street.

HIGHWAYS - Sevenoaks Area

CHURCH ROAD, BRASTED, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the laying of a new water supply to number 111 Church Road on behalf of Thames Water, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Brasted, Sevenoaks, on or after 26th November 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of High Street and Coles Lane. There will be no access for through traffic between these junctions.

The alternative route is via Coles Lane, Rectory Lane, High Street.

CROCKENHILL LANE, EYNSFORD, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT works to provide a new telegraph pole for customer connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford, Sevenoaks, on or after 29th October 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Eynsford Road and Sparepenny Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Eynsford Road and Sparepenny Lane.

The alternative route is via Riverside, Station Road, Castle Road, Redmans Lane, Rock Hill, Well Hill, Daltons Road, Tylers Green Road, Cary Road, Eynsford Road vice versa.

HIGH STREET, EDENBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of new gas service to be installed, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 12th November 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of High St, Mont St Aignan Way outside no 67.

The alternative route is via Mont St Aignan Way.

LOCKSKINNERS, CHIDDINGSTONE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of highway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lockskinners, Chiddingstone, Sevenoaks, on or after 12th November 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Mill Lane and Lockskinners Farm.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junction with Mill Lane to Lockskinners Farm.

The alternative route is via Rywell Road, Wellers Town Road, Chiddingstone Road.

RIVERSIDE, EYNSFORD, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of highway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Riverside, Eynsford, Sevenoaks, on or after 12th November 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with near ford in river and bridge.

The alternative route is via sparepenny lane, high street or main road, eynsford road (A225) high street (A225).

STONEINGS LANE, KNOCKHOLT, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a drainage collection system to alleviate ongoing flooding of properties adjacent to Stoneings Lane, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stoneings Lane, Knockholt, Sevenoaks, on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 10 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside the property known as Stable Barn.

There will be no access for through traffic on Stoneings Lane.

The alternative route is via Stoneings Lane, The Nower, Main Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

re-enact those existing provisions without any change of substance to the restrictions as signed on the A20 Gorse Hill, West Kingsdown. This Order does not implement or change any speed limits already installed on the public highway.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 12/11/2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

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HIGHWAYS - Shepway Area

A259 RHEE WALL, OLD ROMNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A259 Rhee Wall, Old Romney, on or after 13 November 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 7.00 pm and 5.30 am the following morning.

The road will be closed between junctions with Eighteen Acre Lane and Millbank Lane.

There will be no access between the A2070 and New Romney using the A259, during these closures.

The alternative route is via A259 Rhee Wall, Straight Lane, Brookland By-pass, Rye Road, Guldeford Lane, Folkestone Road, Camber Road, Lydd Road, Jury's Gap Road, Tournay Road, Robin Hood Lane, Harden Road, B2075 Romney Road and A259 Lydd Road.

ELVINGTON LANE, HAWKINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Elvington Lane, Hawkinge, on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Elvington Farm with access from either direction up to the point of closure.

There will be a one-day closure planned for 12 November for the water connection, between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

There will be a further half-day closure within the 5 days to permanently reinstate the road surface.

The alternative route is via Crete Road West and Gibraltar Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Thanet Area

ALEXANDRA ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works requiring the use of a mobile crane, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Alexandra Road, Margate, on or after 14 November 2012 as shown below.

3 closures are planned, each between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm.

The first is planned for 14 November 2012, with the proviso that it can be deferred to one of the following 2 days, in the event of adverse weather conditions.

Provisional dates for the other 2 closures are 14 January 2013 and 25 February 2013. Again, these can each be postponed to one of the following 2 days in the event of bad weather.

The closures are in the vicinity of numbers 27-29.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound - via Helena Avenue, Beatrice Road and A254 Ramsgate Road

Westbound - via A254 Ramsgate Road, B2052 College Road, Tivoli Road and Helena Avenue.

BUCKINGHAM ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow access to phone cables in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Buckingham Road, Broadstairs, on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 7.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with York Street.

The alternative route is via John Street, Victoria Parade and Chandos Square.

The One-Way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow limited access up to where the road is closed.

CLIFFSEND LEVEL CROSSING, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cliffsend Level Crossing, Ramsgate, as shown below.

The planned closure times are from Saturday 17th November at 2.00 am through to Sunday 18th November at 7.00 pm.

Foads Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Cliffs End Road, Sandwich Road, Lord of the Manor Interchange, Canterbury Road West, and Foads Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF THANET) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 2 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

re-enact those existing provisions without any change of substance to the restrictions as signed on the A254 Ramsgate Road, Westwood. This Order does not implement or change any speed limits already installed on the public highway.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 12/11/2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

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HIGHWAYS - Tonbridge & Malling Area

MILL LANE, TONBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a collapsed sewer, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane, and the One-Way Order on Mill Crescent Tonbridge is suspended on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Borydke to Mill Crescent.

The alternative route is via Mill Crescent

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

re-enact those existing provisions without any change of substance to the restrictions as signed on the A228 Seven Mile Lane. This Order does not implement or change any speed limits already installed on the public highway.

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HIGHWAYS - Tunbridge Wells Area

A264 ASHURST ROAD, SPELDHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, installation of signs and lines, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A264 Ashurst Road, Speldhurst, on or after 12 November 2012 for up to 3 nights between 19.00hrs and 07.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Manor Court Farm to Stone Cross Farm.

The alternative route is via B2110 Groombridge Hill/Withyham Road/Castlefields, B2026 Edenbridge Road.

A268 HIGH STREET, HAWKHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near A268 High Street, Hawkhurst, Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic as described below.

The Order will become effective on 12th November 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The date shown is an anticipated start date however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site 14 days in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restrictions is stated below.

Schedule

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name: A268 High Street Hawkhurst
Extent: A229 Highgate Hill/Cranbrook Road to Fairview
Date: 12th November to 14th November from 1900 - 0000hrs
Diversion: A229 Highgate Hill, Moor Hill, The Moor, Horns Road, Merrimants Lane, A21 London Road, A268 Hawkhurst Road, and A268 High Street, Hawkhurst

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Surfacing works to be undertaken by Kent County Council Highways

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 3 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

re-enact those existing provisions without any change of substance to the restrictions as signed on the A268 Queen Street, Sandhurst. This Order does not implement or change any speed limits already installed on the public highway.

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Dated 11th November 2012

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DEBBIE 50, seeking man, 60 plus with GSOH for fun nights out and cosy nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 398173

DEBBIE 47, single parent, likes motorsport, seeking male with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 398127

YOUNG looking lady, late 50's, medium build, caring, intelligent, seeks kind, caring, intelligent man with GSOH of similar age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 398095

BLACK African lady, late 30's, no ties, likes country walks, gardening, cinema, seaside, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393272

5FT female, brown hair, 39, single mum, seeks caring, dedicated guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397915

JOYCE 82, widow, seeking man who is fun loving and good humoured for meals out, 60-70's. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393067

FEMALE seeks Prince Charming, 20-30 to sweep her off her feet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392891

NICKY 45, 5ft 2ins, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for genuine male for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389774

COUNTRY loving outgoing female, blue eyes, 5ft 2ins, genuine, caring, intelligent, seeks honourable, smart, professional male, 68-75 to share laughter and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392899

ANNETTE 58, 5ft 1ins, cuddly, affectionate, likes animals, seeks kind, gentleman to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394923

MIRANDA early 60's, sociable, friendly, seeking similar N/S solvent, presentable, easygoing male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394843

BLACK beautiful female, 5ft 7ins, likes most things in life, seeks special male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 398391

SINGLE mum, new to Canterbury, 37, attractive, blonde, seeking soul mate, preferably with car. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397751

52YR old female, single mum of 2, seeking honest, caring, decent man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389891

SUSIE young 55, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest guy from Medway towns. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389027

RETIRED teacher, blonde, 5ft 4ins, medium build, youthful, easygoing, likes most things, seeks tall, refined gent for meaningful relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397363

PAT widowed mid 60's blonde female, loves dancing, happy-go-lucky W/LTM similar aged nice male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389195

LYN 59, slim, fair, looking for someone to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397347

LOUISE loving, caring, thoughtful lady, likes photography, countryside, animals, seeks mature, N/S, genuine, caring, N/S gent with car to settle down with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397239

BLACK female, 30, likes animals, swimming, music, singing, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395941

LUCY kind caring, honest, fuller figured, blonde, blue eyes, 44, looking for older man, kind, caring and honest. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395805

HAPPY go lucky lady, seeks tall, honest guy, 50-56 hopefully with a boat. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392529

PAT 67, 5ft 4ins, medium build, blonde hair, widow, likes dancing, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390201

KENTISH lady, 50, no longer wishes to make do or mend broken heart, seeks kind gent to form patchwork moments. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392865

MARGARET 57, looking for male companionship with GSOH for nights out, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390248

MARY 62, fun loving, enjoy most things, 5ft 5ins, dark hair, green eyes, size 14, lives alone in country, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385189

48YR old female, kind, loving, caring, genuine, fun loving, loves music, singing, theatre, holidays, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387797

FEMALE looking for male for friendship and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392365

WIDOW 70's, many interests, seeks gent who misses companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396401

SUE 53, slim, blue eyes, likes football, animals, seeks N/S male, 45-55 for loving, lasting relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386247

FEMALE likes country walks, gardening, animals, seeks male for company, meals out and nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390147

FEMALE 21, brown eyes, loving, looking for male, 20-30 for nights in and loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396057

INTERESTING attractive, uncomplicated, intelligent lady, many interests, seeks honourable, kind gent, 68-75 for long term companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392211

FOLKESTONE lady, 58, 5ft 1ins, animal lover, cuddly, affectionate, GSOH, seeks male, 58-63 to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395551

BEVERLEY 33, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 40-45 for walks, karaoke and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375217

SUE 54, fairly slim, blue eyes, brown hair, seeks male, 45-55, N/S, likes football, sports, meals out etc., looking for lasting relationship and cuddles. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392803

SANDRA outgoing 53, carer, seeks male for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390230

LORRAINE 5ft 9ins, medium build, 49, bubbly, looking for male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386401

CLAUDIA curvy size 20, Mediterranean, blonde hair, brown eyes, seeks mature male, 40-55 for friendship, companionship and enjoy life together. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 373611

LYNETTE 60, South African, new to area, N/S, sociable, like the outdoors, looking for new friends. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386387

HAPPY young looking 71yr old female, likes life, fit, active, seeks male, 60 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393065

CARING affectionate female, 64, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 2ins, seeks male, 60-70 with GSOH for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384871

LISA tall slim elegant black lady looking for gentleman for company, 50-90yrs. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391394

SHARON 50, widowed, looking for nice gent to take out to theatre, cinema, country walks and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384497

WANNABEE stay at home female, educated, well built, loving, 54, seeks sincere, loving gent, 58-68 for happy LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391328

TERRI young at heart, fit, caring, N/S, 70's, many interests, Taurus, seeks kind, N/S gent, 65-70 with GSOH to share life and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390671

TRACEY 46, 5ft 8ins, long hair, fit, slim, seeks honest, reliable, attractive, tall, slim guy for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335375

VALERIE looking for genuine male for nights out and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387173

ANNETTE 58, 5ft 1ins, cuddly, affectionate, N/S, likes a drink, good food, easy-going, GSOH, seeks loving male to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390671

SUSIE fit, friendly, looking for someone to love and look after me, preferably older, N/S male with own car. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392537

BLACK lady, 52, likes cinema, night's in/out, seeking male, 49-55 to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390925

SANDRA 63, likes cuddles, varied interests, W/LTM male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383497

MAIDSTONE lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501

SUSIE from Kent, seeking tall honest guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 375883

45YR old female, 5ft 5ins, brown hair, cuddly, curvaceous, love animals, music, sports, seeks kind, caring, sincere, mature male, 40 plus with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381319

47YR old female, 5ft 6ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389413

MARY likes most things, nights out, socialising, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383847

LONELY Folkestone lady, 57, 5ft 1ins, medium build, N/S, seeks caring, considerate male for walks by the sea and pubs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371067

JANET happy go lucky, young 60, likes meals out, music, animals, seeks male for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391071

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852

SANDRA 63, varied interests, cinema, walks, animals, meals out, N/S, social drinker, cuddly, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385315

BIG blonde and beautiful 43yr old, GSOH, seeks genuine, honest, loyal, caring male, 40-50 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390215

LOVELY lonely lady, fit and active, many interests, seeks N/S fun loving guy with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384951

63YR old female, loving, tactile, seeks genuine male, 60-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381863

HAZEL blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, non-drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366319

JO bubbly, fun, red hair, green eyes, 5ft 5ins, likes nights out, DVDs, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374337

JULIE late 70's, petite, widowed, seeks gent with car and GSOH who loves animals. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379277

SUE 58, likes walks, meals out, socialising, seeks large male, 6ft plus for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389135

FEMALE 42, understanding, seeks romantic, understanding, outgoing male, 45-50 for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383001

CHRISTIAN 60yr old dog owner, likes countryside, culture, seeks likeminded kind man for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384989

ANNA 62, seeks guy, 59-65 with an interest in the simple things in life for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346707

WENDY drinker, young OAP, seeks Peter Pan to find Neverland, must be N/S, like dogs, have GSOH and be young at heart. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395441

YOUNG 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669

IVY May tall, slim, seeking older, generous, kind, caring male, 75-80 for good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385505

CANDY 42, blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, bubbly, seeks older male, 75 plus, kind, caring and honest. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391012

LADY 50, single, enjoys nights in/out, cinema, travel, country walks, seeks sincere, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331

PAULINE 38, teacher, easygoing, friendly, likes films, walks, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387358

49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easygoing, likes a laugh, looking for love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395059

INDEPENDENT 52yr old slim, N/S female, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099

LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

PROFESSIONAL female, late 30's, own business, seeks honest male for serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388370

SEMI retired N/S ex dancer, many interests, honest, attractive, GSOH, seeks gent, 65 plus to put spark back into life and be soul mate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378279

LONELY lady, retired nurse, 68, likes country/western music, nights in/out, GSOH, seeking male of similar age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385835

BLACK female, 33, single mum, loving, honest, caring, kind, seeks professional, kind, honest male, 34-44. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387565

MARY fun loving brunette, seeking friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382689

BERYL retired nurse, Medway area, looking for similar male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384635

LISA N/S, easygoing, friendly, bubbly, petite, likes swimming, football, walking, holidays, pubs, seeks male to share interests with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372595

PAM nice lady, looking for special male who is genuine with GSOH to share life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387332

FEMALE likes coast walks, shopping, gardening, countryside, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381463

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HANDSOME MD 44, 6ft 3ins, slim, fair, great company, own car/boat/motorcycle, seeks slim, submissive female, 35-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397945

RAY 41, shy, likes gardening, allotments, mopeds, seeks shy lady 41-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397301

30YR old male, genuine, passionate, respectful, seeking female for romance and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396407

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PAUL 61, down to earth, average guy, likes home life, days out, meals out, holidays, walks, social drinker, smoker, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396587

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ANNA 5ft 4ins, 63, N/S, seeks N/S, genuine man for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374589

LADY late 50's, new to area, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378403

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Felicity Aston

On January 2012, almost 100 years to the day after Captain Scott reached the South Pole, Felicity Aston became the first woman in history to ski across Antarctica alone.

The meteorologist, who hails from Hildenborough, near Sevenoaks, entered the record books after trekking across the coldest continent on earth, enduring temperatures as low as -40 degrees and wild winds.

For 59 days, Felicity dragged 85kg of supplies 1,744 kilometres through the frozen wasteland to cement her place in polar-exploration history. And now she is back to talk about it.

Aston brings her tour, entitled *Alone in Antarctica*, to the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells this weekend.

"When I wrote the show, I was thinking of the questions people ask the most," she told me. "They don't want to know the scientific facts and that stuff – they want to know what it feels like to stand in a place like that and be completely by yourself for so long."

"The other thing they want to know was what made me get up every day."

"They are the two questions I wanted to make sure I answered. There are no pie-charts or PowerPoint presentations, but I do use a lot of pictures because I am so lucky to have seen this place for myself. There are people who are curious to know what it looks like."

"I get a lot of people who are just blown away that a place like this still exists – where satellite phones don't work in places and you don't see another living soul or any sign of mankind for days on end."

Aston also shows a video clip of her time on the mammoth expedition.

"I find it excruciating because it is my face 10 foot high on a screen and hearing my own voice and all that, but it is important to share it because it really brings home what it felt like to have been alone for that length of time."

"I have had some really special moments after talks I have given, for example in the show I talk about what motivated me to get out of the tent every day, because it was really hard."

"After one of the shows, a lady came up to me and she was quite tearful and she said 'I have had depression for the last three years and for me it's a struggle to get out of the house every day so a lot of what you said was directly relevant to me'. It's an amazing feeling to think something you have said has affected somebody else."

Aston, who now lives in Birchington, developed her fascination with the frozen landscape having been stationed there for a lengthy period previously.

The ice queen

Felicity Aston, the first woman to ski across Antarctica on her own, speaks to **Joe Bill**



FUR ENOUGH: Felicity Aston crossed Antarctica

"My first job after university was with the British Antarctic Survey, so I was sent to Antarctica to one of the research stations for three years. It wasn't just somewhere I visited – it was my home, my place of work, and it ignited a curiosity that I still haven't quite exorcised."

It was then that Aston decided exploration and adventure was the future for her.

"When I came back, I thought I'd love to go and see the Arctic, so I took part in an organised event, a race up there. I then thought it would be great to organise my own expedition and take a team somewhere where we are completely by ourselves – where we don't have a safety network – and see how we fare."

"Suddenly I realised I was organising an

expedition for a year, if not more. And this one in the Antarctic was the climax of it, really. It has taken 10 years to build up the confidence and experience to go out there all by myself."

The show delves deep into Aston's thoughts as she pushed herself to the edge to conquer the Antarctic as well as a number of personal fears.

"That first moment of the expedition, when the plane dropped me off on the ice for the first time – that was a huge moment."

"I looked around me and realised I was the only speck of life in this entire landscape. The knowledge that this would be the situation for the next two months was pretty crushing."

Of course there are more physical dangers that Aston encountered during her time in the snow, and one wrong step can leave you in a lot of trouble, as she explained: "You are totally reliant on your own wits and experience to get you out of any trouble, so you are a level of scared at all times."

"Crevasses were my greatest fear. They are deep cracks in the ice, covered over with a thin layer of snow, so you don't know exactly where they are. My only protection was looking for clues, but they are hard to spot. And on bad-weather days when I was near areas of known crevassing that was scary."

"The idea of the emergency services is very different, too. Firstly, being able to use my satellite phone, and then there had to be a plane

available, a crew and fuel, because they couldn't get to me in one hop. By the time you had all those factors, I had to prepare myself that it would be at least days, if not a week, before someone could get to me."

Like many explorers before her, Aston has faced cynics who didn't believe she had rewritten history all alone in the snow.

"When I first got back I received an email saying 'You are a liar'. It said 'I know you weren't alone – someone must have been taking the photos because you're in them'. I wrote back and told them I had a camera with a self-timer. I'd build up a bit of snow, put the camera on top and ski off in time to be in it."

"It seems a lot of people's default position is suspicion or that I must have faked this. I think it's because there are these TV shows where people are portrayed as alone but they have a camera crew. But that wasn't the case for me."

"People can't identify with marching 1,084 miles across a frozen wasteland, but they can identify with feeling scared or remembering your family at home and how emotional that can make you feel."

"But to be honest, the scariest thing is that there is nothing there at all."

■ Alone in Antarctica is at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Sunday (November 11). Tickets are priced at £13; visit www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.



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There's always the sun when my partner's hopes are met

NEVER has my partner been so excited about going to a restaurant after researching a menu.

She's not exactly a fussy eater (although she is vegetarian), but it takes a wide-ranging list of foods to get her taste buds tingling more than two days before actually heading out to dinner.

So, after tracking down the restaurant on a cold and blustery Canterbury evening, having mistakenly headed through the kitchen door, expectations were high.

First impressions count for a lot – and we were pleased to walk into a restaurant full of couples dining by candlelight, enjoying the last hours of their weekends.

Café du Soleil, which specialises in wood-fired food, has a lovely setting alongside the River Stour, while the barn-like interior also made for a warm and cosy atmosphere.

We started by ordering drinks, although I was surprised to see a bottle of Suffolk Cider costing £4.95, with lagers also priced quite highly.

After getting over the shock – and a few sips of the tasty brew – I started with beef carpaccio. The range of flavours in the dish was pleasantly surprising, the meat complemented well by rocket salad, chillies and Parmesan cheese.

The well-presented plate was a good start

RESTAURANT REVIEW



to the meal, while my partner opted for an aubergine-and-mozzarella gratin, which was well received if possibly a little rich for a starter.

My partner was pleased to see a wide selection of vegetarian dishes – rather than the bog-standard macaroni cheese to which some eateries resort.

However, the menu did not specify which dishes were suitable for non-meat-eaters, which

could have caused embarrassment had a diner not reviewed the options properly.

Moving on to the mains, I took advantage of the restaurant's speciality and selected wood-roast chicken with pancetta.

The chicken was beautifully cooked and came with a wonderful-tasting Gruyère-and-garlic mash potato that went well with the dish.

Also selected was a ratatouille and chargrilled halloumi salad; this had a good variety of taste and was cooked well.

Far from being greedy, we decided the sides list was too good to turn down, so we opted to have some duck-fat-cooked chips and garlic bread.

Although we didn't necessarily need them (our belly told us so afterwards), I'm glad our eyes noticed them.

The desserts were a nice end to the meal, if perhaps a bit ordinary, with a lemon-and-orange cheesecake and dark-chocolate almond cake the pick of the pops.

Service was excellent and although the menu may be out of some people's price range – our total bill was £69 – it's well worth a look.

Dean Kilpatrick

■ **Café du Soleil**
4-5 Pound Lane, Canterbury CT1 2BZ
Telephone 01227 479999

Restaurant eyes light up for curry Oscars

A DOVER restaurant is in line to win the biggest prize in the curry-restaurant industry calendar.

Light of India in Townwall Street is among 108 restaurants short-listed for the 2012 British Curry Awards – the industry's 'Oscars'.

More than a quarter of a million public nominations were received for this year's awards, and the short-listed restaurants are taken from an initial list of more than 3,800.

British Curry Awards founder and organiser Enam Ali said: "For any restaurant to get to this stage is really quite something."

"We've always had a very good public response to our nomination process, but this year it has been absolutely staggering."

Ambrette flies gastro flag for Margate

THE Ambrette restaurant in Margate has been listed by The Sunday Times in its top 130 restaurants at which to eat for less than £50.

The Sunday Times Cheap(ish) Eats guide lists The Ambrette as one of the 10 best in the South East. It says the eatery is "an Indian with a difference: there's no curry" and "a good reason to visit Margate, at least once".

Chef Dev Biswal said: "National recognition for The Ambrette is good news for the Thanet economy – whenever we are featured in the national Press, we receive bookings from gastro tourists from far and wide, many of whom take a mini break."



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The son of a legend Alex Taylor arrives

The Barge, Gillingham

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www.thebargepub.co.uk

THE son of Grammy-nominated and MBE-awarded jazz legend Norma Winstone is heading to Kent for a one-off gig.

Alex Taylor is heading out on tour and is due to release his self-titled debut album in November. The singer has been compared to the likes of Damien Rice and Jeff Buckley.

His live performances are energetic and feature top acoustic playing... and some loop-pedal trickery for good measure.

His debut album features some of the UK's top musical talent, including Portishead bassist Jim Barr and Angelo Bruschini from Massive Attack. Taylor is clearly one to watch.

No entry fee required.

Still young at heart? Alexei Sayle

**Trinity Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells**

Saturday, November 17
01892 678678

FINALLY the Liverpoolian loudmouth comes back to stand-up comedy.

Alexei Sayle returns to live performance with his first stand-up tour in more than 16

years and the scouser will be test-driving new material at the best small venues in the UK, including the Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells.

Sayle made a name for himself with his sarcastic political views in the 1980s; he also starred in cult comedies like Ben Elton's The Young Ones and a number of his own shows, including the infamous Alexie Sayle's Stuff.

This one-off show is not to be missed. Tickets are priced at £14, or £12 for concessions. They are available via www.trinitytheatre.net.



A life of rhyme Bring an old lady to stage

**Avenue Theatre,
Sittingbourne**

Sunday, November 18, 2.30pm
01795 471 140

THERE was an old lady who swallowed a fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly...

But The People's Theatre Company does, and you can too as the production team brings one of the world's best-loved nursery rhymes to life for the first time.

Presented by the team behind How The Koala Learnt To Hug and The Witch's Bogey, this magical show has been written for parents to enjoy with their children, so come and relive the delights of this most charming of tales with a feast of first-class games, colourful animal characters and heart-warming family fun for anyone aged four to 104.

Tickets are priced at £6 for adults, £4 for children and £18 for a family.

Visit www.avenue theatre.co.uk for details.



Art exhibition A park in all its intimacy

**The Orangery, Knole Park,
Sevenoaks**

Open until Sun, December 23
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knole

A FREE exhibition of intimate and experimental photographs on The Private Life of Knole Park is to open at The Orangery at Knole, the National Trust property.

Running up until Christmas time, the exhibition features the work of west Kent artists Barbara Ludman and Katherine de Koningh.

They record their separate experiences of Knole Park and edit the photographs to create bold and intriguing portraits of the trees, wildlife and secret views of the park.

Photographer Barbara Ludman, from Sevenoaks, spent a year taking pictures in the park, accompanied by her baby son, Tobin.

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Quite wild... Rampage is back in town

Sevenoaks Leisure Centre
Saturday, November 17
www.ipwuk.com
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THE International Pro Wrestling posse heads back to Sevenoaks this month to celebrate its eighth anniversary.

Lining up on the night will be

former WWE developmental wrestler Rampage Brown, left, who has returned to the UK.

Also on the bill there will be an IPW:UK world-title fight between the champion Sha Samuels and former ECW legend Steve Corino.

Watch out for a tables, ladders and chairs match sure to make your eyes water.

General admission tickets are priced at £12 for adults and £9 for children. Ringside seats cost a little more.

Visit www.ipwuk.com for Christmas wrestling dates, including a Sittingbourne show.

A classic tale Importance of being Earnest

The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Tue and Wed, November 13-14
01227 769075
www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

OSCAR Wilde's classic English comedy is brought to the stage at The Gulbenkian.

The Importance Of Being Earnest is without doubt one of the greatest comedies from the late 19th century.

London Classic Theatre's production promises to bring the vivid and extravagant tale to life for Canterbury audiences to enjoy.

The premise: Jack is in love with Gwendolen, and Algernon is in love with Cecily. But when an identity crisis spirals out of control, the previously separate worlds of town and country collide and delicious mayhem develops.

Thoughts of marriage and a happy ending are interrupted for good.

Tickets are priced at £12 or £10 with a GulbCard and £8 for students.



Windy City turmoil Chicago

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury
Monday to Saturday, November 12-17
01227 787787
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THE award-winning musical Chicago comes to The Marlowe Theatre.

Based on real-life events in the 1920s, nightclub singer Roxie Hart, played by former Hollyoaks star Ali Bastian, shoots her lover and, along with cell-block rival and double murderess Velma Kelly, fights to keep off death row with the help of lawyer Billy Flynn.

Chicago has six Tony, two Olivier, one Grammy, two Bafta and six Academy awards and recently finished a 15-year run in London's West End. Billy Flynn is played by Stefan Booth, while Bernie Nolan is Mama Morton.

Tickets are priced from £18.50 to £41.

Really wild... Chris packs some pics

Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook
Wednesday, November 22
01580 711856

CHARISMATIC wildlife TV presenter Chris Packham brings his new photographic show to Cranbrook this month.

The former Really Wild Show frontman will talk

audiences through his latest collection of images from the wild and wilderness.

Primarily known for fronting BBC nature programme Springwatch, Packham has also built up a regular following at his live events and is not afraid to speak his mind and give his opinions on all matters, whether it be wildlife-related or otherwise.

Standard tickets are available online priced £15 (£10 for concessions and £8 for students).

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Keeping up ghostly appearances

Expect shadows and shapes when you take an evening walk around Dover Castle

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

DOVER Castle is acknowledged to be one of the most haunted buildings in England, with the main tower, the ancient walls and the tunnels in the cliffs all having had sightings of strange apparitions or unexplained noises reported.

Some have been the subject of TV programmes and there is much amateur footage available on the internet.

The Meridian TV station once broadcast footage of a huge pair of doors being shaken by some unseen force and psychic medium Derek Acorah claimed to have seen one of the castle's most famous ghosts – that of a headless drummer boy – and helped the spirit “find rest”.

Around the castle's stairwell the figure of a woman has been seen wearing a long red dress and sobbing, while the lower half of a man has been spotted in the area now called the King's Bedroom.

In the same vicinity the sound of a door creaking open and closing has been heard – although the door no longer exists.

But probably the most infamous ghost in the old building and its surroundings is that of the drummer boy, whose tale features prominently in the castle's guided walks.

He has been popularly named as Sean Flynn, who died at the age of 15, but his headless ghost is said to beat a drum as it stalks the castle walls.



FRIGHT NIGHT: Re-enactors bring to life the grisly goings-on that are part of Dover Castle's rich history

According to legend, he arrived late one night with his drum and a large sum of money with which to pay the troops of the garrison.

Two men heard about his mission and decided to rob him. They lay in wait for him and attacked, one decapitating him with a knife or sword.

Reports of drumming noises and sightings came from the area where the murder was said to have taken place and Acorah investigated for his Most Haunted television show.

The medium said he received a message that Sean missed his mother, but the good news is

that Acorah reckons he helped the restless ghost to find peace.

Kent writer Neil Arnold has studied the phenomenon of ghosts across the county.

“I think a lot of stories get passed down through the years and become part of folklore, so they are impossible to verify,” he said.

“Dover has its fair share. I have heard a story about a man who was killed in the Hellfire Corner tunnels during World War Two setting up amplifier equipment, then, years later, a figure was seen working on some sort of device which passed straight through a visitor.

“A ghostly doctor has been reported in the old hospital and strange shadows have been seen in the former operating theatre.

“A soldier in a helmet carrying a pike is another sighting, as is a ghost sliding through the grass which possibly had an animal-like form.

“People in World War Two uniforms have been reported, especially in the tunnels. But, of course, re-enactors frequently act out scenes from the castle's history and there are historical holographic displays for visitors as well.

“Witnesses can be very unreliable – but Dover does have some interesting stories.”

■ Ghost-busting tours will be held at Dover Castle on Friday, November 16... after dark, when the castle is closed to the public.

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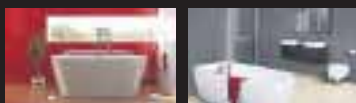
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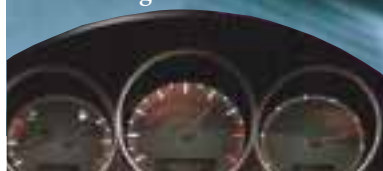
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It's a buyer's market... house sales increase as sellers reduce prices

By Nick Ames

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THE number of agreed house sales increased last month as sellers dropped prices to shift homes for sale that had not moved, a study has found.

The number of agreed sales rose by 9.2 per cent across the country in the strongest uplift seen since the spring.

Regional fluctuations still continue to affect the market, with Kent homes showing more activity than those in the north of Britain – but not as much as in London.

Overall, house prices drifted lower in October, with a 0.1 per cent fall for the third month in a row despite a slight increase in the number of new buyers registering with estate agents, property analyst Hometrack said.

The findings say that estate agents are set to continue pushing through as many sales as possible towards the end of the year.

Richard Donnell, director of research at Hometrack, said the fluctuation in activity was mainly down to sellers re-pricing homes that had been on the market to a level where sales could take place – as opposed to an increase in demand from buyers.

He said: "The foundation of any national and sustainable recovery in the housing market rests on growth in the wider economy and household incomes.

"Any recovery will most likely start to be seen in transaction volumes rather than prices."

According to Land Registry figures released last week, house sales have been lower in recent months than they were a year ago, with just over 52,300 sales a month on average between April and July this year, compared with almost 55,000 sales a month during the same period in 2011.

The Government launched an £80 billion scheme at the start of August to kick-start lending. This has increased mortgage availability, but lenders have toughened their borrowing criteria in recent months.

Donnell said: "In the short term we expect the current trends to continue, with demand likely to slow down in the run-up to the year end, with agents looking to push through as many sales as possible."

The number of buyers registering with estate agents increased by 0.3 per cent in October, following four months of falling demand.

The average time a home takes to sell has remained unchanged, taking just under 10 weeks.



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Volkswagen unleashes the latest incarnation of the Golf

Driving

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By Steve Loader
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IT'S been a roller-coaster ride in design for Honda's CR-V.

Generation one (1997-2001) pioneered the slick, compact 4x4 look that was about to embark on a sales boom. Generation two (2001-6) went for a more purposeful image, seeking to avoid the 'soft-roader' accusation attracted by lightweight 4x4s.

Then it was all-change for the slick, almost high-riding, estate car style of generation three (2007-12) as Honda sought to distance itself from the 'gas guzzling 4x4' label then gathering momentum – this version even launched with a "not all 4x4s are the same" campaign from the Japanese marque.

Now there's a fourth generation that is almost a return to the first car; it's a stylish take on the trad 4x4 look, seemingly equipped to go yomping off-road and equipped with more usable rear-end space while retaining all the on-road driving appeal of its predecessors.

Priced from £21,395, it's relatively affordable yet sits above the mainstream sector and even challenges premium German rivals; the sculpted flanks, rakish rear end and chrome-barred grille make it look very upmarket, with the extra appeal of being built in Britain at Honda's Swindon plant.

And it will distance itself from gas-guzzler fallout by gaining an 'eco star' version next September, using front-wheel-drive only and Honda's impressive new ultra-lightweight 1.6-litre diesel. This unit offers a road-tax-exempt 94g/km of CO₂ emissions, is also produced at Swindon and, along with its crowd-pleasing looks, should open up the CR-V to new buyers who wouldn't have considered one before.

The front-wheel-drive option was to be expected, though, as more manufacturers recognise that consumers have finally realised they rarely need full 4x4 but want to keep the high driving position, space and image of an SUV – even Range Rover's new Evoque offers a fuel-efficient front-wheel-drive eco warrior.

The new CR-V is slightly lower – by 30mm – against its predecessor, yet Honda insists it offers as much room as before, while a simple one-pull action allows the rear seats to flop down for extra loading flexibility. There's also a powered tailgate as standard.

For now, power comes from two familiar but redesigned Honda powertrains: a 2.0-litre i-VTEC petrol engine available as the entry-level 2.0 i-VTEC S model with front-wheel-drive or a 2.2-litre i-DTEC diesel. Until the 1.6-litre diesel arrives, company-car user-choosers will focus on the latter as it retains its 150PS (149bhp) output but now emits 149 g/km of CO₂ – 12 per cent less than before.

Though one of the best drives in its class, Honda has tweaked the chassis to boost comfort and high-speed stability, while speed-sensitive electric steering is designed to ease parking and town use and sharpen response.



HONDA CR-V

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Driving appeal:	Not yet driven
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
Best rival:	Mazda CX-5

CR-V evolves into a sleeker, greener fourth generation



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Downsize and go eco... Volvo-style

By Steve Loader

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PREMIUM hatchbacks are hot. Upmarket German brands are all playing the game, with Audi and BMW launching big models recently, while avoiding the blue-collar 'hatchback' label.

Meanwhile, Mercedes-Benz has gone toe-to-toe with the successful Audi A3 and BMW 1 Series junior hatchbacks by rethinking its entry-level A-Class; newly launched, the latest generation has morphed from mini-MPV into rakish coupe-style hatch.

But the Germans don't have it all their own way; upmarket Swedish brand Volvo has stepped up its effort with the new V40 (from £19,995).

As the 'V' for versatile prefix indicates, this five-door model is a useful family holdall within compact dimensions yet has low-slung styling to rival and even surpass anything the German triumvirate can offer.

In this it emulates the smaller Volvo C30 but without the 'C' for coupé prefix that has confused would-be buyers; the C30 is great to drive but looks too much like a standard hatchback to justify coupé rating, yet a smallish all-glass tailgate, only two rear seats, plus limited and fussy rear luggage stowage, denies it full hatchback flexibility. Result? It targets neither category well.

On the other hand, the V40 ticks all the boxes, particularly in the 115PS (114bhp) 1.6-litre D2 diesel format of the test car.

The four-cylinder engine is a newer and lighter alternative to Volvo's long-running five-pot diesel family and particularly suited to the V40, allying well with its sharp yet comfortable front-wheel-drive chassis, although steering feedback is a little flat even in the ultimate of the three selectable modes.

This powertrain's ace, though, is tax-efficiency and frugality; big brands may huff and puff about such matters, but relatively modest-sized Volvo has quietly created a powerful eco Drive sub-brand, and this D2 unit exemplifies it.

VOLVO V40 D2 SE: PRICE £21,595



Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★
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Volvo has now added sporty-looking R-Design and rough, tough Cross-Country (pictured) V40 derivatives

The engine limbos beneath the 100g/km of CO2 emissions mark to escape road tax and London Congestion Charging, while its official combined cycle economy figure is almost 80mpg.

That's a fantastic result for a car that delivers everything for most people: style, image, driving pleasure, refinement, economy and practicality – no wonder I struggled to wrest the keys from the other half.

Admittedly, the engine's not a flyer (0-62mph in 11.9 seconds), but there's plenty of urge low down and keen drivers will like its smooth delivery and alliance with a precise six-speed manual shift that comes as standard.

If you need more oomph, there is plenty of choice higher up the V40 range, with D4 performance diesel (from £23,845) and T3 and T4 turbocharged petrol models (from £20,630).

It's an eye-catching and handsome-looking car with a steeply-raked windscreen and tailgate, putting the 1 Series and A3 in the shade

and challenging the new sharp-suited A-Class.

The Swedes, as ever, have also given it a uniquely Scandinavian interior that is stylish, durable and well arranged. While neat and uncluttered, there is plenty of stowage space and, of course, Volvo's now-trademark 'flying centre console', offering an extra refuge for cabin clutter behind it.

You might expect that the V40's sweeping rear end is its Achilles Heel on the practicality front, but leg and headroom is sufficient and load space competitive with obvious rivals: 335 litres with rear seats up and 1,032 litres when folded.

Perhaps most impressive, though, is the car's genuine delivery of the executive experience; it's a quiet and unruffled smaller car, whether tackling ill-kept country lanes or cruising the motorway and easily rivals cars in the next class up.

So, if you want to downsize and retain comfort, image and space, then the V40 has to be in your sights.

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Small diesel empowered

DESPITE the futuristic appeal of recent Honda Civic family hatchback generations, they have lacked a small diesel.

That changes when an all-new British-built tax-beating 1.6-litre unit arrives in January (from £19,400) with a combination of economy and performance: road-tax-exempt 94g/km of CO2 emissions, 78.5mpg on the combined cycle and a healthy 120PS (119bhp) of power output.



Ampera wins green gong

VAUXHALL'S extended-range electric vehicle, the Ampera (from £29,995), was voted Green Vehicle Of The Year at the prestigious 2012 Association of Car Fleet Operators (ACFO) Awards.

The awards are highly prized because they reflect the day-to-day operational experience and expertise of fleet decision-makers. It's the latest gong for the Ampera, the current European Car Of The Year.



Countryman's makeover

BMW'S Mini has revitalised its biggest model, the five-door Countryman mini-SUV, just two years after launch.

The work concentrated on the interior, with new colours and materials, remodelled door armrests, moving the electric window switches from the centre of the car to the door trims and a three-seat rear bench as standard – twin rear seats are a no-cost alternative.

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No need for 'Lucky 7' label for latest Golf

By Steve Loader

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AMAZINGLY, the Volkswagen Golf is now the German car giant's biggest-selling car ever.

The car it replaced, the legendary Beetle, sold 21.5 million, but the Golf topped that long ago and is now into its 29th million globally (1.6m in the UK) even if that is still a way behind the world's No1 seller, the Toyota Corolla (36m).

But you may argue the Beetle was the greatest, since it hardly changed during its lifetime (1938-2003). And what about the impressive 16.5m sales notched by Ford's historic Model T during a similarly long and unvarying life?

Fair point, but over-reliance on such stalwarts almost brought VW and Ford to the brink of disaster and both companies and their rivals have since switched to a policy of constant evolution across a range of models – the adage containing 'eggs' and 'basket' is not in the modern motor-manufacturer's mindset.

However, one point under review is how often key models must be replaced; Far East manufacturers use a five-year life-cycle for key models, with Korean sisters Hyundai and Kia making life particularly uncomfortable for Western counterparts that stick to a seven-year refreshment.

It's a point not lost on VW, which has steadily quickened the pace of replacement for its best-seller to meet the Eastern challenge; the current sixth-generation Golf – itself a major leap ahead of its predecessor – will be less than five years old when it gives way to its successor in January.

Order books are already open for the newcomer, which may attract unusually high interest from those who believe in the powers of 'Lucky Seven' and other mathematical and mystical mumbo-jumbo that goes with it.



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But there's enough technical and engineering fact anyway to make this new Golf another best-seller in the dynasty. It uses the VW Group's new

and versatile MQB platform, which underpins various emerging models across the group's Audi, Seat and Skoda brands.

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